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THE "RELIGION AND MORALS"

Of The Negro as Observed Through the Eyes of a White

Man—Our Correspondent Takes Issue and Asks Some Pertinent Questions—Calm, Strong Argument.

To the Editor of The Freeman:

In the editorial columns of The Detroit Tribune of the 22d, inst., (Sunday's) issue appears a leading article entitled, "Religion and Morals," in which is ascribed to the Negroes in the South, a standard of immorality which I deem unjust, and in consequence of the frequent recurrence of the same criticism by others, ought to be settled as to its truth or falsity upon the facts of the statement.

In distinguishing between religion and morals, as found among different races and people, the writer says, "There are a good many thousands of citizens in our Southern states who seem to have inherited from their African ancestors, a special aptitude for religious emotions and exercises, and it would be hard to find any other people of American birth with such a wealth of religious feeling; and yet they are not distinguished for the prevalence of good morals in their daily life."

Now while I confess "The truth of the wealth of religious feeling" shown by the colored citizens of the South, I do not think upon a fair examination of the facts, that one will find the latter statement, "That they, the colored citizens, are not distinguished for prevalance of good morals in their daily life." To be true. This error has been so oft repeated, that beginning as the emanation of a spirit of prejudice against a race of people, it has grown to be a creed of many, so that even those having no enmity against the race, fell into a belief of this error by repitition of it, made without confutation. It is true that religion is not morals, but only a branch of morals, so that a person, class of persons, or race of people may have a wealth of religion and be yet highly immoral. If then a wealth of religion leads to immorality, as the writer seems to impute to the Negro, what must be said of our Anglo-Saxon brother, whose religion is certainly not poorer in quality nor form than his brother in black, nor are his crimes or immorality less, when his advantages are taken into consideration.

In criticising the morals of the Negro, he is debited with his immorality, but never credited with his environments of slavery for more than two hundred years. It cannot be said that slavery was inherited by the Southern Negro from his African ancestors, as we all know he did not bring himself into this country, nor voluntarily place the yoke of bondage around his neck. How then can an immoral status, the result of a want of education, knowledge and culture, of which he was deprived, be laid at the door of ancestrial trait?

But what is this grave want of moral conduct with which the Negro is constantly charged? The Tribune would seem to teach that it may be found in the Ten Commandments. Granted. Does the Negro in the South worship any other God than the God of the christian white man? Does he worship images of wood and stone in his American home, which, if he did, might truly be charged to ancestrial inheritance? Is he more profane than others? Does he keep the Sabbath day less holy than others? For instance, while living in the South, I heard of a Baptist preacher who preached on the Sabbath morning, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, dismissed the congregation and then joined a Klu-klux Klan of his white congregation, to kill an impudent Negro for some alleged political offense. Is the parential tie less observed among the Negro than the white race? I answer, in a measure yes. But this breach was made not through "ancestrial inheritance," but slavery which separated mother from husband, father from son and scattered brothers and sisters to the four parts of the United States, where then was the opportunity to cultivate the love of parentage, in obedience to the Fourth Commandment? Does the Negro commit murder? Yes; but so do other races of people with greater moral advantages within their grasp. Does he commit adultery? Yes; and what is adultery? "A violation of the marriage bed." Is this low standard of morals an ancestrial inheritance or a relic of slavery? Let the just man answer. Does he steal? O yes, "chickens" it is said, but never money, nor does he forge or embezzle. Is this "ancestrial?" We hear of few chickens in Africa. But slavery was a lie in every particular, and its victims protected themselves from its evil effects and disgrace by lies, as most men do, whose lies are not ascribed to "ancestrial inheritance."

But all this is written not to show that the colored man is possessed of a greater standard of morals than the whites, but to prove that taking into consideration his advantages—his burdens and oppressions, the deprivation of his legal rights, and the denial of nearly all social privileges enjoyed by white fellow citizens, he is not morally low because of "ancestrial inheritance," but rather by reason of environments, which are not of his own making, and therefore, should not be attributed to racial essence. If obedience to law and order are signs of qualities of moral standard, who will deny the poor Negro has need of praise amidst riot, strikers and other social uprisings. He is poor and always has been; he is out of work and needs employment; he has been seen in the street half naked, during this hard winter, but seldom at the door of the Poor Commissioners. This may be ancestrial pride, but no credit is given for it.

I earnestly hope that when the mist of ancestrial prejudice has passed from the eyes of our censors, we may be seen as other men, weak, fallible; but having a soul as a creature of God, who hath made of one blood, all nations upon the face of the earth. Truly yours,

D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.

Detroit, Mich., April 24, '94.

EX-GOVERNOR PINCHBACK,
Washington, D. C., selected to write the article on "Reconstruction" in the July number of the A. M. E. Zion Quarterly.

THE CAUSES OF INSANITY.

Vicious Habits Accountable For Many Minds Like

"Sweet Bells Jangled and Out of Tune"—The Period of The "Lean and Slippered Pantaloon."

The intoxicated man, or tha individual suffering in the delirium of fever or from a severe blow on the head, does not follow the normal standard of thinking, feeling or acting, but the departure from the normal state is not prolonged, and therefore, does not come within our accepted definition of insanity. Insanity may develope from any of these conditions or in consequence of loss of blood, apoplexy, fright, etc. But the test of insanity is "the prolonged departure from the particular individual's normal standard of thinking, feeling and acting." Each case must be judged by itself, and the individual's present condition compared with his previous condition. The "departure" may be seen as a complete change in characteristics, (2) as an exaggeration of natural traits, or (3) as simple perversions of the feelings and judgement.

We will now proceed to consider the causes of insanity and afterward discuss some of the more common forms.

The authorities on the subject agree that the majority of cases of insanity are due to "direct physical causes." By direct physical causes are meant such as act directly upon the brain, e. g., hemorrhage, a wound of the head, or various diseases, such as Bright's disease, phthisic, cancer, etc. In any of the above conditions there is a direct action upon the brain, either through altered nervous sensations between the affected part and the brain, or direct injury of the brain from violence, altered nutrition, or change in the blood supply.

The least frequent causes are the emotional causes which affect the brain indirectly. Prominent among such causes are fright, grief, anxiety, trouble, etc. Such causes injure the brain by operating through the physical system, e. g., anxiety may make a man lose sleep, neglected exercises, have a poor appetite and undergo great change of natural habits. As to result there will come disorders of the bowels, kidneys, skin, lungs, etc., and a resultant interference in the nutrition of the brain. Thus there gradually may come about an inability to think, feel and act naturally, which condition, when prolonged, constitutes insanity.

The best authorities regard vicious habits as the cause of about one-fourth of the cases of insanity. This head includes such habits as the intemperate use of intoxicants, opium, chloral and cocaine; and all habits which injure the health and thus affect the brain. These causes, however, are really among the direct causes of insanity.

The other causes may be classed as "constitutional and evolutional." This class of causes operate because of some inate defect in the development of the constitution.

The children of vicious, insane, intemperate or delicate parents may inherit a susceptibility to insanity.

Statistics show that more than one half the cases of insanity are in persons having a hereditary tendency. The child may be of sound mind, but falls a victim to mental disease because of inability to safely pass some one of the crises of development.

Pubescence, the period when the boy passes to manhood, is the first critical point, and is the time when certain diseases, aspirations and tendencies not felt before, may first come to the front. But if the constitution is fairly well organized, boyhood may be safely passed.

Adolescence is the second physiological crisis that tries the nervous strength. This occurs at about thirty-three. Then it is that many who "have run well for a season," break down without any apparent cause.

The climacteric period marks another critical period. Women at about the age of forty-five, and men at about fifty-five, reach a sort of stationary plane, which is followed by the gradual decline of the functional activity of the organs that became active at pubescence.

The senile period, the time when changes due to old age begin, witnesses the decline of bodily powers, and the steady outcoming of feebleness. Then it is that many who have safely passed the other crises, fall victims to mental disease.

JOHN M. HENDERSON.

Detroit, Mich.

Reorganized Fire Department.

Wilson, N. C., Special.

Mrs. Hill was the recipient of an agreeable surprise last Thursday night. Among the number were Ed. Mitchell and wife, Frank Sears and wife, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Bough, Chas. Bynum and Miss Lula Battle. Music was the feature of the evening. Hurrah, for "The Wilson Red Hots have won the victory." Fire must vanish now. Wilson has many thrifty colored citizens. Sam Washington, who has been visiting his parents here for some weeks, left for Boston last Friday nights. Frank Sears smokes "centers" now. The Wilson Fire department (col.) has organized with twenty-three members. Edwin Pool is captain; the corps are, Parker Battle, Sidney Willis, Alex. Hinton, Wm. Simpson, Wesley Barnes, Thos. Day, Wm. Walker, Ross Bullock, Wm. Cousins, Wm. Hargrave, Henry Moore, John Baykin, David Pyatt, John Hardy, John Jeffreys, Rev. Melton, Wm. Kittrell, Jas. Ellis, Jas. Truman and Howard Beckton. They will give a grand parade next Thursday. Wilson supports four beautiful colored churches.

Union Literary.

Carthage, Mo., Special.

James Woodard died the 23th, ult. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Blake, at the Bethel Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Grant, of Lawrence, Kan., preached at the Bethel Baptist church the 22d, ult. Rev. F. L. Bouey passed through the city not long since, on his way to Galena, Kan. Revs. W. S. Blake and Jerry J. Garnett visited Galena, Kan., the 22d, ult. Rev. C. C. Choice left Carthage, the 24th, ult., for the northern part of the state where he will organize several schools. The Union Literary society was unusually interesting the 24th, ult. Messrs. R. A. Byrd and G. W. Patterson and Miss Velesia P. Sydnor were the leading speakers of the evening. The society will give a banquet soon. Rev. Mr. Ellis is progressing nicely in his work on East Sixth street. A Union League Literary society was organized at his church not long since. The officers are as follows: Rev. Mr. Ellis, president; George Irving, vice-president; Miss Ella King, secretary; W. L. Blake, critic; J. W. Stemmons, prosecuting attorney; Henry Tidwell, chaplain; Miss Octavia Scott, organist; Miss Lena Scott, solicitor of new members; W. L. Blake, G. W. Patterson and Miss V. P. Sydnor, enrollment committee. The meeting held by this society the 26th, ult., set forth an excellent program. The speeches made by Miss V. P. Sydnor, R. A. Boyd and W. L. Blake were the leading features of the evening. Lula Kind, one of Lincoln schools pupils, was run over by a run-away horse the 27th, ult., and narrowly escaped with her life. The Lincoln school exhibition will take place in the Grand Opera House May 21st. People from abroad are cordially invited to attend. Only five will be presented diplomas this school year.

Election of Officers.

Metropolis, Ill., Special.

Past Grand Masters' Council, No. 150, held their semi-annual election last Friday night and the following officers were chosen: J. L. Turnbo, W. G. M.; Daniel Rodgers, D. G. M.; Isaac Watson, G. Chaplain; D. C. Hughes, G. S.; John Renfro, G. Treas.; Edward Thomas, G. Guardian; A. D. Woods, G. Warden; G. W. Rowlett, G. S. Agt. Mrs. Lerena Tinsley and daughter, Capitola, passed through the city last Saturday on their way to Princeton, Ky. Mr. Edward Thomas, of Harrisburg met the P. G. M. Council last Friday. On the 26th ult. the I. O. of O. F., held their inter-state convention at this place. Wm. Jefferson was rude to a couple of girls, he slapped one about the head and used his knife on the other; being pursued by an officer, he ran to the house of his aunt and through the back door. William Renfro struck Gould May with a brick on the head and would have been killed had it not been for a bystander who interfered; Renfro was called to court and charged $8. An excursion will leave here Sunday morning to attend a baptising service at Carbendale. Rev. B. C. Swan, D. D., filled the stand at the A. M. E. church Sunday last. Rev. H. C. Burton solemnized the marriage of Rev. P. A. Green at Golconda last Sabbath and preached for him at night. The two-year old child of Mr. Sam Wheeler died Friday of last week.

Thriving Business People.

Georgetown, S. C., Special.

This city has a population of 3000, of this number the Afro-American represents two-third. The race is well represented in the catalogue of industries, we have carpenter, painters, barbers, blacksmiths, engineers, wheel-wrights, shoemakers and bricklayers. Mrs. Sarah Multrie runs a first-class restaurant on Front street. Mr. Joe. Roberson is our leading butcher; Messrs. Danel and Primas Smalls are in the grocery business. Georgetown lodge, No. 1600, G. U. O. of O. F., and Georgetown Union lodge, No. 3555, G. U. O. of O. F., will run an excursion on May 25th, to Charleston, S. C. Mr. Moses B. Wineglass, was home on a visit last week, from Conway. Miss S. R. Wallace has gone to Columbia. Mr. J. A. Baxter, one of our wide awake and progressive citizens, is building a handsome house near the Howard school. Miss M. M. Roberson is on a visit at Bucksville. Mr. Jas. R. Walker and Miss Eva L. Mitchell, were recently married. Mrs. Venus Dunmore is very ill. Mr. Jas. B. Brickington stands behind the counter at Brilles & Bros'., the largest clothing store in the city. Messrs. W. E. Dennison, H. McDuffy Davis and W. M. Huggins are our barbers. The republican county Congressional convention which will meet on Monday 30th ult. to elect four delegates to the district convention, which met at Charleston on May 2nd, to nominate a candidate for Congress. Mrs. F. J. M. Sperry is on a visit at Charleston. The protracted meeting is still going on at the Bethel A. M. E. church.

Birthday Party.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The Teachers' institute held its monthly meeting last Saturday, the 28th, ult., in the Central school. Miss Prima A. Fitzbutler read a paper on "Male or Female teacher in the intermediate grades and high school departments as teachers of boys." Miss G. A. Nugent also read an excellent paper. Tobe Brown rendered several cornet solos, accompanied by his wife. Dr. C. C. Godshaw will address the next meeting. The attendance was quite small. Notable among the society doings of the past week was the reception given in honor of Miss Lizzie Griffin's 22d birthday, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clay, 1527 Prentice street, last Tuesday evening. Quite a number of friends were present and enjoyed a good time. Mrs. Bettie Lewis, aged 58 years, and a prominent lady of this city, died at her residence, 1508 Second street, last Monday. Her funeral took place from Lampton Street Baptist church Tuesday afternoon.

Are you a "sport," then sport a "Premier." Good "timer," yours for a song. Read our offer in this issue.

Snubbed by Republicans.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The republicans had a meeting on the 29th ult. getting ready for the campaign work this fall; they snubbed the Negro. We say they shall see and feel it again, that is why they got snowed under in 1892. 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 will be a power and the ones that gets their help will get out first. No true republican will treat their fellow man amiss. Two bright lights went out this week, Mr. H. C. Frierson on the 28th ult. and Mr. Alfred Oaks on the 24th. Rev. J. A. Jones. G. W. Hemphill attended their funerals. Misses Lizzie Bell, E. J. Little and Beatrice Trail says The Freeman is a true guide for the Negro. Mrs. A. R. Winter is able to be out again. Dr. Hickman brought his wife back with him from Nashville. Mrs. Eliza Evans has a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. J. A. Jones is at home again. Mr. T. T. Ransom and wife have a nice carriage. Mr. Ed Knott is a first class tuba player, he is on the road the best part of his time. Dr. Baker, of Tulahoma, and Dr. Turner, of Shelbyville, had a consultation over a patient this week. The literary societies are well attended and their programs are very fine, the old people attend in numbers. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

MAID AND MISTRESS

A Romance of Two Cousins.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

By AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, ("B. Square.")

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow." "A Rolling Stone that Gathered Moss." "Prof, L. Wilson Dozier." "The Raise Problem," "Hon. L. Sweitzer, M. C." Etc. Etc.

CHAPTER V.

TOM BROOKS' PLOT.

Both Mrs. Flannigan and her daughters liked Sarah Jane and gave her full charge of everything, in fact she held a position equal to that of housekeeper. She therefore felt free to inform her mistress about the debt she owed Mrs. Brooks for board, and Mrs. Flannigan at once advanced the money, which Sarah Jane forwarded to her would-like-to-have-been mother-in-law, with a little pointed note. She made the mistake of writing upon one of the fashionable sheets of paper she had purchased for their European tour, and Mrs. Brooks thereby found out her address, which she at once gave to her hopeful son, Thomas. Although she was too much of a christian to openly tell him to do something directly or indirectly to injure Sarah Jane, she almost knew that he was enough chip of the old stump to invent some method of revenge for the insults of "that thing" as the good boarding house mistress now called her would-like-to-have-had daughter-in-law.

Thomas was a coward, and for several days after he had found out Sarah Janes's exact whereabouts, made no attempt to hunt her up and get revenge.

Knowing that she was passing for white, he was afraid if he spoke to her in an insulting way it might lead to his arrest, and not having a very good police court record he knew, in such a case, she being "white" and he colored, the odds would be more than against him. Mr. Thomas Brooks did not want to spend the summer upon Isle-de-Blackwell, so for the time being he gave up trying to avenge the insult of Sarah Jane.

One day, after she had been at the Flannigan's about two months, nerved by several drinks, he resolved to call upon her, forgive her for the way she had hurt his mother's feelings, and renew his suit in person.

"I guess the old woman was a little too previous, and put her foot in it," he remarked to himself, as he started up W. Thirty-Ninth street.

"Now you just leave it to me, I never saw a girl yet I could not wrap around my fingers when I set in. I'll call her out and give her a game of talk, tell her the old hen was off her nut, and try and fix the thing up. If she kicks I'll tell her that I am going to give her away—tell her folks that she is colored. Oh yes, I've got deadwood on her," and confident of his final success, he walked up the stoop of the Flannigan mansion and pulled the bell, expecting that Sarah Jane, as up stairs girl or maid, would open the door.

Mrs. Flannigan happened to be standing in the hall near the door at the time, and responded to his ring.

"Well, what is it?" she asked.

Trying to hide his surprise, he stammered out:

"Does—er girl live here, er—well, I want to see Sarah Jane Whitehurst; she lives here, I am told."

"Have you a message for Miss Whitehurst?" asked Mrs. Flannigan, as she eyed Brooks with suspicion.

"Well yes—that is, no—er, I want to see her."

"Wait then, I'll call her," replied Mrs. Flannigan, as she closed the door and left him standing upon the stoop.

Sarah Jane, who had seen Brooks from an upper window, having overheard the conversation, was greatly troubled about what to do, as she heard Mrs. Flannigan, who was very fleshy, coming slowly up the stairs, puffing and blowing as she tried in vain to hurry.

It was a trying moment for the young girl. To confess she knew Brooks might disclose the fact that she was an Afro-American, in which case she would lose her situation she knew; to deny all knowledge of him, to say she had never seen him before was a falsehood her better self would not let her tell. Some compromise between falsehood and truth must be reached, she said to herself as she heard Mrs Flannigan approaching.

"Sarah, there is a——"

"Yes mam; I saw him coming up the stoop and overheard the conversation. If any of my friends are so poor they can't employ a regular messenger boy, they can keep their message until they have more wealth. Why, I would not speak to that man. Let him go back where he came from; of any friend or foe, male or female, has any information they want me to know, let them use a two-cent stamp or a regular uniformed messenger boy," remarked Sarah Jane.

"He looks like a mixed-ale bum, and he is more than half loaded. If I was you I'd find out who sent that fellow here, Sarah, and if it was my best fellow I'd shake him, so I would. The cheek of sending that bum here!"

Tom Brooks waited upon the stoop for upwards of five minutes, during which time Sarah Jane and Mrs. Flannigan were watching him from the window. At last he walked away in disgust, and Sarah Jane returned silent thanks that the cloud had passed by.

Mrr. Flannigan had a wayward son, also named Thomas, who was tarred with the same brush of vice Tom Brooks was painted, in fact he was Brooks done up in white. He used to patronize a middle class gambling den in which Brooks spent the greater part of his time.

One day, about three weeks after the incident just related, young Flannigan won $300 in this place, and all the hangers on asked, "Who is that lucky fellow?"

"Why that's Pat Flannigan's son, Tommy; Flannigan, the real estate man, who lives on W. Thirty-Ninth street; and that other fellow is his partner, Ike Abrahams; he lives in Jersey City. Queer team, is it not, an Irishman and a Jew, but they pull good together and one would do anything for the other. Tommy and his old man are on the outs now, and he is trying to rig up some game to make himself solid with his old man. I shouldn't wonder if he set the house on fire and then come and put it out to make himself solid with his old man. Great boy, that Tommy!"

Tom Brooks was standing near the speaker and took in every word said. A plot at once entered his mind whereby he could injure Sarah Jane, and he started out to put it into execution. He stopped by the house of a female friend and borrowed the photograph of a young dark colored man who had been dead about two or three years, remarking as he hurried home: "So you are passing for white, are you, Miss Sarah Jane Whitehurst; passing for white; and you gave me the grand shake and gave the old woman a lot of guff and chin, hey? Well, when I get done with you I guess you will wish you had come down that day to the door instead of giving me the go-by. I have got the winning cards this deal, and if I can't prove you are colored I can prove that you go with colored people, and that you are about to help rob Flannigan's house. When you change your address to Blackwell's Island or Sing Sing, I'll try and be at the boat or cars to wish you "bon voyage." When he got home he wrote the following letter:

No. — Bleeker street,
NEW YORK, March 29, 1876.

MY DEAR SARAH JANE:

I was at first as mad as I could be when you would not come down to the door to see me, but when I sobered up I knew that you did just right. I would not have gone to Mrs. Flannigan's if I had not been drunk—full as a tick. Why I might have known if they knew you associated with a colored fellow, they would discharge you before we worked our little game. Nothing kills that class of micks so much as to see a white girl go with a colored fellow.

You should be able by this time to lay your hands upon everything of value in the house. We had better get to work before something turns up like the last time and kills the game so next Friday night leave the basement gate and door unlocked, place everything of value you can get your hands upon where I can find it, and write me word all about the locations of the things. Burn this after you read it, for you know burned letters, like dead men, tell no tales.

How do you like this picture, do you think it looks like me? I would not have sent it, only you asked for one. Keep it hid in your trunk until you leave or it might get us both in trouble. I will send this letter by a messenger boy, as I don't like the mail much for this kind of important letters.

Look out for yourself, play your part well and I will play mine. Get all the rings, earrings, studs and other little things tied up handy. Look out for yourself. If we get pinched its five or ten years up the river again, and I don't think you want to go there again. I don't, the last time was enough for me. How about you?

Yours as ever, CHARLIE SMITH.

Brooks took the picture of the dead man and placed it with the letter in an envelope, which he sealed and directed to "Miss Sarah Jane Whitehurst, 9 W. Thirty-Ninth street, City." He then passed it several times between his hands to give it an aged look; he then tore the end open, placed it in his pocket and walked out of the house. He found one of his chums, who, for a drink, wrote him the following:

JERSEY CITY, April 3, 1876.

FRIEND TOMMY:

As I was walking through Forty-Second street park, opposite the Hotel Royal, that high toned servant girl of your mother's passed by and dropped a letter, which I picked up with the intention of running after her and giving it to her, when out fell the picture of a coon so I just said to myself, 'I'll read this letter.' I say, Tommy, that gal's a crook, and the fellow's her pal; they are going to work your house. Now is the chance of your life to make yourself solid with your old man by showing him the letter and picture. You can say you found it in the house when you get this letter, and should you see me at the club don't say a word to me about it, some of the gang may be around; act as if I knew nothing about the matter, but get it in the old man's hands at once. I got a friend to write this for me for reasons I will tell you some other time.

Your chum, IKE.

Brooks got a large envelope and put the two letters in it, and had it directed to Thomas Flannigan. He then went to a law office on Broadway where a respectable young colored youth was employed. This young man lived in Jersey City and Brooks only knew him by sight, still he made free with him and asked if he would be kind enough to mail the letter in Jersey City on his way home. As he saw the young man start for the ferry with the letters in hand, Brooks gleefully remarked to himself:

"Well, in a few days, Miss Sarah Jane, you will sleep in the Tombs. There is nothing that can prevent you from going up the river after they look in vain for your supposed pal, if Mrs Flannigan remembers me calling. By this time next week I will have my revenge, and your proud head will be brought down," and he hurried up town to a saloon where he had credit.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

AFRICA, THE HOPE

Of The Future—No Hope For The Negro in America.

MR EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words concerning immigration.

The colored people of the United States have a great deal to think about, but seem to let others think for them. To get out of the old ruts of thought is hard for us, but the time has come when the Negro of America must take in his surroundings. If ever there was anything on the American continent that should be pushed with all vigor, it is Bishop H. M. Turner's immigration idea. The few would-be leaders of the Negro race, who antagonize the movement, cannot be liberty loving people or they are the class that always want to be on the contrary side for the sake of an argument. If the whites were to start such a movement and two or three newspapers were to write glaring headlines about it, the enemies of the immigration movement would be among the first to start to Africa. The great trouble about the Negro is, he always expects either a white leader or lead himself. Africa will be all settled up by white people after while, the real estate advance beyond a poor man's reach, then the poor Negroes will begin to flock there by the hundreds, just in time to be too late. If the Negroes of America ever become successful, it will be when we have proven our willingness to lead over rough roads as well as to follow over smooth ones. What is to become of the Negro race if it is incapable of retaining and imparting the civilization it has already acquired. Why should leading men and aspirants discourage every appearance of independent effort? Why not act according to the dictates of a clean conscience declare to an oppressed people the true province of manhood, instead of trying to conceal the very things that men of other races endeavor to hold up to view.

Josephine E. Ghant says: "Give the Negro a chance and he will outstrip the white man in every respect."

Who is it to "give the Negro a chance?" Is it the Caucasian that you are looking to for this chance, so you can "outstrip him?" Answer please, The Caucasian has sworn in his wrath that this is a white man's country, and you can rest asured my dear friend, that he will not give the Negro any chance to "outstrip him." I think some day the Negro will be a great people; but not in the United States of America. One of the highest evidence of the ability of the Negro for self support, for a higher progress is the fact that he sees the true field of the future. The immigration movement shows the highest capabilities, and that the Negro race possesses elements of its own developments, growth and progress. To test the qualities and capabilies of any race, it must have its own unhampered condition. Africa is the hope of the future, and will be the salvation of an over crowded world. Just why the so-called learned Negroes of the country make it their business to fight any movement pertaining to the development of Africa by our people, may be summed up in the fact that they have no ambition to go beyond the well beaten path of the white man. This is a mistaken idea, every Afro-American should be interested in the development of Africa. No argument that has been produced, will change the condition of the Negro in this country. It is a shame to our race that men of influence among us are so violently opposed to Africa that neither press nor voice is spared to vilify and counteract any effort made by friends (though few indeed) of the Negro. I do not advocate wholesale immigration to Africa, but I do say to those who want to go to Africa, "let them go."

JOHN WRIGHT.
Lawrence, Kan.

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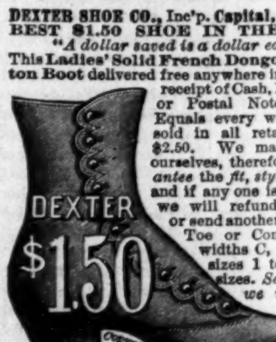

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EDITOR FREEMAN:—Much has been said of late through your columns of the corruptness of the Southern Negro ministry. Some things have been said that in my humble judgement, are sadly true, and much to be lamented; and yet other things have been said that are both misleading and slanderous.

That the ministry has been, and is still being disgraced by a large number of unworthy, unscrupulous and immoral men, I think no sensible man will undertake to deny. But to assert (as some writers have through The Freeman), that the ministry as whole, is ignorant, immoral, unscrupulous and without dignity; or in different language, a set of curs whose only desires are to satisfy their wicked lusts by breaking into the homes of virtue and morality, and dragging to destruction and disgrace, those who have no power to resist them, I think is to assert more than the facts will warrant, and what no mortal can verify.

It is not the intention of the present writer to say one word in defense of such unholy men as clothe themselves in the garb of the clergy in order that they may carry out their wicked designs. Indeed if I possessed divine scrutiny, I might pull up the tares; but being human, I should fail in the attempt, or else I would root up the good wheat also.

Now, as I said in the beginning, there are many bad men disgracing the ministry, men who know not nor care not, what are the principles of the christian religion; but is the ministry wholly to blame? Who keeps these vile curs in the pulpit? Who pays their salaries? Who makes up their congregation? Who gives grand receptions in their honor? Is it the clergy?

It is a well known fact that the very class so loudly complained of, hold the largest congregations in many instances, collect the largest salaries and have more of the luxuries of life than any other class of preachers, and yet some would have us believe that the laity is not in it.

From the tone of certain articles in The Freeman of late, one would be led to believe that the time is truly at hand when the laity is demanding a pure and educated ministry. If this is true I would like to say Amen in large letters. But do the facts warrant the statement? I think not. If such however, is truly the case, we will not be long in obtaining it, for no clergy can continue in our pulpit without the support of the laity. When the time comes that the laity demands a pure ministry, it is my opinion that nothing but a pure ministry will be supported, and then the men who love so well to imitate a certain long eared quadruped both in and out of the pulpit, will have to go, however hard the struggle.

It is claimed again that as a rule these bad men are the uneducated class. This rule does not work well with the ministers whom it has been my lot to meet. It is neither the Southern nor uneducated preacher, as a rule, who is so rotten. Some of the highest titled divines from North, South, East and West, go to make up the damnable catalogue of the human vultures.

Nothing is here meant to be said against educated men, but I only wish to show that the ministry is imposed upon by unprincipled men under every disguise conceivable. A fine scholar drops down among us from the North (I do not mean everyone that comes, for some are good men) and with his much learning and seemingly polished manners, he gains his way into the home of the over confident parent and too credulous daughter, and besides getting bed and board free, leaves his bastard in the arms of the poor simple creature, and flees to his Northern home to speak and write of the imperperfections of the Southern Negro.

All of this and much more is true, and still it is not wise to condemn the clergy as a whole. We frankly admit that the ministry as a whole is not all that we might wish for, and we admit further that the Negro is not what we wish for in any other walk, but shall we condemn the whole race because all is not what what they should or might be? Let us not kill a man because he has a broken limb, even though his damage was caused by his own carelessness; it is charitable to bind up the broken arm or leg, and if this can not be done, let it be amputated, but by all means save the man if possible.

Those who condemn the clergy as a whole, are trying to kill the man with the broken leg. The very reason that a part of the clergy can practice so much immorality and still hold its own in the pulpit, is because it is fostered by a portion of the laity that is still more corrupt. Some would have us believe that the preacher has power over the poor women of his congregation to do just what he choses. He can just come into the home of the absent husband and that good virtuous christian wife who really wants to do the right thing, must just fall a lawless prey to his lust, whether she so desires or not. Then she must fix for him the best from the poultry, and leave the scraps for that husband whom she loves so dear and would honor him if she could. Now is anything more unreasonable?

Some writers have left this sainted lay woman out of the whole transaction, in order to condemn the ministry as a whole. They say to that wronged husband, "Don't blame your wife, it is your sainted pastor that has been here." Why not blame her? Were there not two guilty parties? If not no one is guilty. No, he may not blame his wife, for she is the woman whom Solomon describes in the 7th chapter of Pro., and still she is one of the many corrupt laity that fosters a corrupt ministry. Thus it may be seen that the clergy is not totally to blame, nor the laity wholly blameless. Both are proportionally corrupt, just as both are proportionally good. Let it be hoped then that our people are awaking to the sense of the danger of fostering a corrupt ministry, and let both clergy and the laity that believe in a better state of things, rise in the dignity of their power and wage such a war against darkness, sin and immorality, until none but the pure in heart can stand.

G. W. PORTER.

Crossland, Ky.

An Educator of Boys and Girls Scored.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—My attention has been called to the following paragraph, written by one of our race, a teacher and representative man in the community:

"No law can be enacted to regulate social equality. Gentlemen and ladies naturally seek the association of those who invite them. It is not the inclination of our race to thrust itself on any race, but it is our inclination to demand treatment in proportion to our moral and intellectual merits. Why should I not desire to come in contact with the most refined, progressive race on earth, that my own status may be improved? But should I go before I am invited and assured of manly treatment? Who would be so cowardly as to thrust his association upon anyone uninvited? In many instances our girls imbibe the refinement practiced in the homes of white families, for whom they work, this influence often follows them through life. It is my honest conviction, that if some of our girls had received and retained the moral teaching received from white families they would not have fallen a prey to lewdness but would now be respected by both races.

The writer in the main is correct, especially, as to his reference to social equality, etc., but when he says our girls receive their refinement and moral training from the whites for whom they work, he casts a sad reflection, indeed, upon himself as a teacher and upon the colored ministry who are paid for and are supposed to be giving their lives to the very work which he says is "imbibed" from the white families in which they work. I would ask where did his wife or daughter, my wife or daughter, your wife or daughter or any other man's wife or daughter who never worked in white families, "imbibe" their moral training and intelligence? Have we not attained to a position as a race where we can instruct our children in the way they should go? Or in other words, is what little moral training and intelligence our children "imbibe" from the white folks all they get? If so, what are our teachers for? Shame on a public teacher who can over look his individuality so far as to write a paragraph like the above. Perhaps the professor didn't mean it. At at any rate he makes this point: notwithstanding he has been a public teacher for several years, he says "our girls 'imbibe' their moral teaching and intelligence from the families for whom they work." Is this true?

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

At the convention of colored men in Cincinnati, Nov. 28th, a National Equal Rights Congress was organized that has for its purpose the protection of our race throughout the country.

Bishop H. M. Turner was elected president, and G. W. Bryant, secretary, with two Senatorial Councilmen from each state, whose duty it is to organize state and local councils in their respective states.

The aims of the councils as set forth in the circular letter sent forth by the Committee on Circular Letter and endorsed by the National Equal Rights Council, are as follows:

To prove ourselves worthy of better treatment in this country than we are receiving now as a race—which in many sections is unjust and cruel—and solve upon a high plane the problem of Negro manhood, we must concentrate our moral, religious, intellectual and financial forces so as to be felt in the assertion of our rights. We must guard, protect and secure to ourselves and children the untrammelled rights and privileges of true Americans. To organize National Equal Rights Councils to raise money to employ detectives and lawyers, colored and white, to bring to justice these mobs and law-breakers and defend our equal rights in the courts. We ask all christians who love right and justice to help fight this battle of right against wrong, and we earnestly request all true men and women to aid in this struggle.

We owe it to ourselves and our children to organize at least three million and a half men and women into National Equal Rights Councils. The violent elements in this country that stand opposed to the rights of colored American citizenship are organized to carry out their wicked designs, but they are in the minority. The great christian heart of this country is opposed to mob violence, but it is not organized against it. What we need through our devotion to right living and christian manhood, is to arouse the sympathy of the best thought of the nation, get the best favor of the people, crystalize this christian sentiment into a moving, acting force against the curse of lynching by a powerful National Equal Rights Council organized throughout the country.

A great Reform, Orphan and Industrial institution could be established wherein thousands of our young people now going to ruin could be trained into noble manhood and womanhood, Also, through the influence of this organization, Congress could be induced to pass a bill to make every state, county and territory pay an indemnity to the family of every person lynched, burned or murdered by mobs. The Jim Crow car system and all infringements upon the rights of the Negro would be overcome.

Our hope is to lift the cloud that now rests upon a defenceless people and save our children from the infamy and shame that will forever stamp us as an inferior and unworthy people. If this organization is effected, the sympathy of the country aroused, the moral support of other nations drawn toward us, our people vindicated in the enjoyment of their rights, mob and lynch law forever removed from the country, we shall be satisfied.

We appeal to the christian sentiment of mankind and to God for aid.

G. A. WILLIAMS,
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Councillors for Indiana.

Quarterly Meeting.

Crossland, Ky., Special.

Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd, were Quarterly meeting days of the A. M. E. church of this place. Rev. J. M. Holt, of Paris, presided in the absence of the presiding elder. The meeting was a grand success in every way. Each service was well attended and the song service was splendid. R. T. Hensly is still buying stock, two head more last week. Farmers are very busy planting just now. The late freeze damaged tobacco plants greatly, but the last sowings are doing well. J. J. Mitchum has bought another buggy. The Quarterly reports of stewards and trustees showed much improvement since last quarter. Many farmers have not yet sold the last year's tobacco crop, hence the scarcity of money. Lecture at the A. M. E. church Wednesday night, subject: "Two Black Crows." Are we to have a local preacher soon? Perhaps. People who read The Freeman see their own faces in the glass, instead of the white faces they behold by reading white people's papers. A large number of fine teams were out on Quarterly meeting day and all were the property of our people; none were hired. Chestnut Grove people have lately cleaned up and beautified their church grounds, also have plenty of good water in the new cistern now, making it quite a desirable place for worship.

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THE TICKET—GEN. HARRISON'S SPEECH.

The late Indiana State Republican convention was in many respects the most enthusiastic and the greatest held since the first days following the war. It was an enthusiastic gathering because of the feeling that was felt and believed in by every delegate and friend present, that nothing could prevent a return to power in Indiana of the party whose patriotism and wisdom in the past had never disgraced her in times of war or the more trying times of peace. The ticket was a good one in point of geographical representation, a most important one, most admirable. Personally, the men who compose it are clean and above board men, men against whom no member of the party can find flaw, unless directed by disloyalty and falsehood, and for whom members of any party could vote for with patriotism and safety. Yes, 'twas a great convention, the crowd was immense, party fealty and the love of country was on tap, in the air, but the best thing of the whole splendid convention, the incident that more than all the rest gave it national attention, was the appearance and speech of ex-President Harrison. Whenever Benjamin Harrison faces the American people, and every time he opens his mouth to speak the nation becomes his audience, he says something. He gives them food for thought, something to weigh and reflect over. He's always "loaded," not with saw dust, meaningless platitudes, but the grape and cannister of irresistable logic and the solid shot of general truth. His speech convention day was a "corker." t bristled with pertinent points, and one of its reflections contains more truth, more God Almighty's truth, concerning the reason of the stringency of the times than a spy glass could detect in a month's investigation of every speech, measure, proclamation of Democratic origin since the people gave them power a year and a half ago. We wish we could give our readers the speech in full, space forbids, but here are two brief excerps, read them carefully, for they contain the gospel of the salvation and future prosperity of the American people.

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THE SURPRISE OF A WHITE MAN.

"Frederick Douglass, John M. Langston, John R. Lynch, Blanche K. Bruce and the other colored men of national reputation living in and around Washington have very little to do with the mass of the colored citizens here, except in a business way or by making speeches or addresses to them.

"With their families and friends, these leaders of their race form a society of their own as exclusive as the most fashionable white society, and socially have almost as little to do with their brethren as though they were entirely white instead of almost so, as most of them are. The other colored people do not feel identified with them, and, although they are in a way proud of their prominence, they are not fond of them personally. They do not feel as though they are being helped very much by these leaders in any direction.

"Even when these great men condescend to make speeches or addresses to them, they are almost always on political lines and without practical suggestions for the betterment of the race. Even as to politics, these orators devote themselves chiefly to bewailing their wrongs rather than suggesting remedies, and they have little or nothing to say in the way of practical advice as to the ordinary affairs of life."—[Washington Correspondence Philadelphia Record.

One of the unaccountable inclinations of white people generally, in diagnosing the Negro from whatever standpoint, is to be surprised if not bewildered and shocked at what they look upon as quite natural and proper in themselves. Such a thing as a Negro possessing preferences, tastes, discriminations and the right to be "the Douglass" of his own castle, to have a choice regarding who and how many shall set at his "table round," whether friends or foes, equals or inferiors, clean people or otherwise, honest or dishonest, the mob or the select few, is unlooked for in the Negro and when known is a matter for more or less surprise and comment. Henry McFarland, the writer of the above funny paragraph and one of the best known and informed gentlemen comprising that bright army of penmen who constitute the press gang at the nation's capital, is nevertheless no exception to the rule and thinks of the Negro more as some Rip Van Winkle might who had slept forty instead of twenty years. Would Mr. McFarland expect Mr. Chauncey Depew, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Mr. William Singerly, proprietor of the Record, or others of their ilk to be identified intimately, socially speaking, with every white man and his family who might happen to know of them as the rank and file of Negroes know of the distinguished Afro-Americans referred to above? The idea is preposterous, but no more so than the ignorant surprise implied that there should be lines and distinctions drawn and observed by the Negro, out of the same inclination and right and just as fitting and proper as indulged by the whites. When will the Negro cease to be looked upon as a freak or a monstrosity from whom nothing rational or sensible is looked for and everything silly and ridiculous?

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NEW RACE BOOK.

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To cast upon his name who should receive
Undying praise. Gives nature few such dow'rs
To souls that flesh wed as those gravid pow'rs
On him bestowed. While other men conceive
Great plans, meet, theorize, discuss and grieve,
He's solving right the problems of the hour.
With armament invincible prepared
Are hosts like his in art of prudence trained,
Then to his name which inspiration spared
And guided honor give, for he's retained
That chief of virtues, modesty, has shared
Success, yet has self's victor e'er remained.

—ELLA N. BARKSDALE, Macon, Ga.

NEW JERSEY NEGROES PLEASED.

A communication under date of April 27th, from Trenton, N J., says, "I know you will rejoice with us for our victory over insurance companies. Enclosed you will find a copy of a bill that became a law to-day." Appended is a copy of the bill, of which we hasten to assure our correspondent we certainly do rejoice with him and trust the day is not distant when the example set by New Jersey will be followed by every state in the Union where prejudiced discrimination on the part of insurance companies is known to exist.

"BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That no life insurance company doing business in this state shall make any distinction or discrimination between white persons and colored persons, wholly or partially of African descent, as to the premiums or rates charged for policies upon the lives of such persons, or in any other manner whatever; nor shall any such company demand or require a greater premium from such colored persons than is, at that time, required by such company from white persons of the same age, sex, general condition of health and prospect of longevity; nor make or require any rebate, diminution or discount upon the amount to be paid on such policy in case of death of such colored person insured; nor insert in the policy any condition, nor make any stipulation whereby such person insured shall bind himself or his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to accept any sum less than the full value or amount of such policy in case of a claim accruing thereon by reason of the death of such person.

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PRAISE THAT CARRIES A FACE VALUE.

"Allowing them to have whatever opinions they may have, editorially, it ought to be a pleasure to any one to boast that we have some mighty good race papers in the United States. The New York Age is eighteen columns of solid satisfation every week, from a journalistic and literary standpoint, and THE FREEMAN, of Indianapolis, goes the Age several columns better in amount of reading matter, if not in quality, substance and editorial versatility. Fortune and Sweeney are both pleasant writers to follow. The World, of Indianapolis, the Richmond Planet, the papers of Chicago and New Orleans, the dozen bright publications in Texas, with as many strong journals scattered throughout the West, make up a pretty lively output, which is doing the race better service than the race begins to realize or pay for. As yet, very few of these papers are migrites or silverites, because they are not yet "up" on these subjects, but we are broad enough to tender them a great big palm of printers' ink for their general worth."—Denver Statesman.

The God's truth, every word of it, as regards "the good race papers in the United States," and shamefully true in another sense that they are "doing the race better service than the race begins to realize and pay for." Editor Hackley, by the way, wields one of the most trenchant and able pens owned by the race, and that he is somewhat of a monomaniac on the silver question is neither here nor there.

Are you a "maiden all forlorn," a happy, contented housewife, an anxious school girl, or the boss of a sewing machine? It matters not, you should have one of our "Premier" watches. It will cost you nothing. Read our offer in this issue.

A RELIGIOUS EDITOR EXCITED.

Our pious (?) and should be cool headed contemporary, our very respectable and altogether proper brother in the saving art preservative, Editor Johnson, of the Christian Recorder, is quite knocked up out of sorts, "chewing the rag" as it were, and

"All on account of THE FREEMAN!"

You see, to be brief, 'twas this way, and mark you, the fun is just commenced, we permitted a helpless, wronged missionary of the African Methodist Episcopal church (so he claims), A. L. Ridgel, who, at the time of writing us, and at present is 7,000 miles away on the West Coast of Africa, to tell the story of his grievance in the columns of THE FREEMAN, a copy of which had been sent to The Recorder, but strange to say never saw light. Without calling attention at this time to the communications pro and con, editorial comment, etc., drawn out by Missionary Ridgel's exposure, we want to say right here that if our staid contemporary, The Recorder, is not playing a bluff, and is honest and really believes us "a mischief maker," he was never quite so mistaken. The spirit of mischief in the sense charged by our irate friend is quite as foreign to our nature as the spirit to be fearless for the truth seems to be to his. Nor have we a desire to intrude our journalistic nose into affairs which, effecting the church, properly belong to the church, and should be settled by the church, but, and this is where the shoe pinches our friend, in the commencement of this matter, the church, through certain members and officers, at home and abroad, sought our columns, asked for space and indulgence, and if mischief and scandal, and more to come, has resulted from our kindness and indulgence, they, the church members, the "brothers in Christ," brought it about themselves, and not The Freeman. We expect Missionary Ridgel knew whereof he wrote, when addressing us from Freetown, Sierra Leone, under date of Dec. 28th, he said, relative to the communication which accompanied his letter:

"DEAR SIR:—You will do me quite a favor by giving publicity to this article in your matchless race journal. I have been most shamefully and brutally treated by Rev. Derrick, and think it fair that I should have a hearing. He has published untrue things about me, has run over the country and used his influence to prevent friends from helping me. We are here 6,000 miles from home, moneyless, homeless and almost friendless."

Had we refused this appeal we would have felt verily like a cur, as we are quite sure our misguided friend and brother Dr. Johnson will, if through a spirit of graveyard bravado and the indulgence of unworthy inuendo, he compels us to go to lengths concerning this whole dirty church business, we have been asked and promised not to. Time tells all things, and we had concluded to wait for time to tell whether Dr. Derrick had been slandered, or Missionary Ridgel was a knave and a liar, or a man, a christian brother, who had been wronged by a general officer of a great church in a manner quite inhuman and far from christianlike. Will this soldier in buckram, afraid of the Board of Bishops, permit us to wait, or will we be compelled to chaw him up and spit him out? We shall observe succeeding issues of our much wrought upon contemporary's weekly blanket with much amused concern.

WE have received a communication signed "Race Lover," from Fort Custer, Mont., which we decline to publish for the reason the writer failed to append his name.

HON. D. AGUSTUS STRAKER will please accept our acknowledgement of a copy of the Articles of Association of the Sumner Club, of Detroit, of which he is very properly the president.

READ THIS FRIENDS AND DO US A FAVOR.

We know there is not a friend of THE FREEMAN, among its many thousands of readers, but what will readily agree to what we are about to ask. By glancing over each page of THE FREEMAN, it will be seen we are being favored with a good many advertisers, and more to come, from both races. It is expected that whenever you can, you will patronize those of your own race who are paying us money to advertise their wares and goods, for this proves you are possessed with a spirit to give a practical evidence of the quality of you RACE PRIDE. Side by side with those advertisements we are running for members of the race are many sent us by WHITE firms and business houses, and of what your treatment of these shall be we are also solicitous. In placing their business with us they not only prove they are filled with a spirit of KINDLINESS for the race, as shown in their pledge to furnish you GOOD AND RELIABLE RETURNS for your investments with them, but in spending their money with us, thus assisting in keeping our heads above the water, that we may continue OUR WORK FOR THE RACE, they are proving their friendship in the broadest, best manner possible. What we want you to do is to SPEND YOUR MONEY WITH OUR ADVERTISERS. Commence with this issue to READ OUR ADVERTISEMENTS, and if you find what you want, call upon or write them according to terms, and MENTION THE FREEMAN.

A TRAIN OF THOUGHT

Is frequently the result of contemplation of a summer outing and where it should be spent, and if properly followed it will lead to your taking a train of the Wisconsin Central from the Grand Central Passenger Station, Chicago, for Lake Villa, Antioch, Burlington, Mukwonago, Waukesha, Waupaca, Ashland or some other equally popular resort where rest, enjoyment, recreation and sport are to be had in all their plentitude. For descriptive pamphlet, "Along the Line," write to Jas. C. Pond, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

THAT HE IS.

Dave Hill is, to the discomfiture of the Democrats, now engaged in killing the scurilous remnant of the Democratic party.—Langston City Herald.

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WE MUST LEARN IT.

The Negro needs to learn the true value of a dollar, and this will never be accomplished until his mind receives that broad culture and training necessary to give him financeal acumen sufficiant to measure arms with the money makers of the world.—Fort Smith Post.

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IT MUST BE UPHELD.

The state of Ohio has once more been disgraced by a lynching in its borders. It matters not how heinous was the crime committed, this thing is wrong and should be stopped. Until it is stopped, the states not investigating and bringing to justice the offenders are blamable for neglecting to uphold law and order.

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WHY, IS HE TO GOOD OR HASN'T HE THE NERVE?

In all the socialistic movements in this country and all demonstrations of anarchy the native and foreign white elements are foremost. Never do we find the Negro leading off in any of these uprisings that are so fatal to persons and property.—Louisville "New South."

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NOTHING LESS.

A christian civilization that oppresses and slaughters ruthlessly, that marks its way to place and power with carnal weapons, not with the gentle word of truth—the truth that offers no resistence to merciless persecution—is itself, we re-affirm, a barbarism as cruel and woeful in results as the savagery of either the red or black kings of nature in their primitive wilds!—Weekly Brotherhood.

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GIVE THE YOUNG MAN A CHANCE.

The announcement is made that General Robert Smalls is a candidate for Congress to succeed the Hon. George Washington Murray. That means a big row and a possible split in the District, and the election of a Democrat. We think that General Smalls can afford to let Mr. Murray remain in Congress. The General has plenty of honors and money to his credit and he is no longer a young man.—The Age.

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NOW IS THIS TRUE BROTHER CHASE?

Although Hon. Hoke Smith is a southerner and a democrat he has manifested a deep interest in the Negro. His aim and purposes are to eliminate race prejudice in the south if possible, by bringing about a more friendly relationship between the two races. He has lived in the south among that unfortunate class and despised race of people; he knows their needs and wants and he is doing all in his power to satisfy them as much as he can.—The Bee.

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BETTER ASK WHAT THE COUNTRY WOULD DO.

What would the country think if Coxey, Kelly and Fry were black men? How would the country feel if four thousand Negroes, idle and desperate should get together and march on to Washington to make demands on Congress? While the black man has just as much right to do this he has neither the time nor the disposition. "There is not so great faith in all Israel" that the black man shows for his American home.—Baptist Vanguard.

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PROGRESSIVE? IT NEVER WAS PROGRESSIVE!

The unterrified Democracy of the Nation has long since ceased to be a progressive party of principles. Of late years it has become purely and simply an opposition party with little or no homogenity. We are not aware of a single tenet held in common by all Democrats of the country. The party is divided into numerous hostile camps agreeing upon no one question, among the many that are agitating the country. Its incoherancy was never more clearly apparent than at present.—Beauford, S. C., New South.

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TO KILL A "NIGGER" IS A TRIFLE.

Quite a vain boast has been repeatedly made by the pious people of Florida on account of the zealous efforts of the Christian Endeavor societies to prevent the disgrace of the Corbett-Mitchell fight being held in that state. Strange that these good Christian citizens have not made other discoveries equally as disgraceful if not more. By hard and rigid processes of logical reasoning they have reached the conclusion that prize fighting is a stupendous moral evil. It is a remarkable fact that Florida in all her mental meanderings has not made discoveries of far greater magnitude. Florida and the greater part of the South have entailed upon their fair escutcheon the infamy of murdering Negroes in defiance of all law, and have fixed the brand of crime and shame which shall serve as a blot for centuries to come.—Cleveland Gazette.

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TRAMPING OF HORSES, ETC.

The signs of the times indicate that in this country we are to have civil strife of a serious nature. Not in its history has there been such a demand made by the common element for a redress of grievances. Not at all, are all those, who sympathize with, and believe in the righteousness of the cause of Coxey's contingent, martialed in a formal advance upon Washington. Throughout the entire country, at their homes, their members are legion, and should things be forced to an issue, in greater strength than at the call of Lincoln for 75,000, would be the tramping of the hosts of laborers, anarchists, cranks and mupwumps, who hate capitalists worse than "the devil does holy water."—Texas Illuminator.

Counted Out by White Republicans.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.

Samuel E. Davison, editor of the "Opinion" is making a brave, earnest and energetic fight here. At a mass meeting at Mozart hall, April, 14th, Mr. Davison was elected delegate to attend the joint senatorial convention in this State at Madison, June, 2nd, was legally and fairly elected, but not being suitable to certain alleged Republicans, who profess great love for "Our colored friends" yet hate them worse than the devil is said to hate holy water, he was counted out. Other aspirants for recognition, who had been tickled with false promises of support for the position of delegates were sat down upon by the same false hearted Republicans who made these promises. A certain candidate for joint Senator was at the bottom of all the dirty work, said Mr. Davison. Did Editor Davison set down and supinely submit without a murmur? Not much; he is not of that caliber. He immediately, by voice, pen and circular, began a battle for rights of race, regardless of party or party affiliations, and he is still, through the columns of his home daily papers, hurling defiance and consternation into the ranks of weak-kneed Negro-hating Republicans. His actions should be commended by every race lover. He proposes to contest for his place at the convention next month and we shall await the result patiently.

The Lone Star Club.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Married, Rev. A. H. Pittman to Miss Rosa Brooks, April, 231; Rev. Wm. Riggins officiated. Chas. Barnes and family went to Nashville last week. A. W. Wright visited his home and farm last week at Cartersville, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Swan entertained their boarders at their residence on Leonard St. last week. A. D. Kelley returned Sunday from Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala. The Lone Star club gave a festival at St. James last week in interest of C. H. Cox vs. Rev. T. A. Thompson for the horse. C. E. Newton, The Freeman agent, will leave the city about the 15th of June, but will arrange for you to get The Freeman just the same. There were several very enjoyable picnics in our city May the 1st. Luther Slayton is propietor of a progressive dress-making establishments and is doing a good business. Dr. O. W. James, the proprietor of the W. Ninth St. colored drug store has just received a fresh supply of all kinds of drugs and chemicals, when you call ask for The Freeman. A. Brooks is agent for the school history of the Negro race. The Union Aid society had their annual sermon preached at their hall on Willims St. last Sunday.

The "400" at a Fish-Fry.

Bryan, Tex., Special.

There will be a joint meeting of the Payne literary and the Epworth League on May 10th, at Allen Chapel. The subject for discussion is Resolved, "That the Separate Coach Law is injurious to the law-abiding citizens of Texas." Prof. John Brown has been selected for musical director of our city Brass band. A Deacons' and Preachers' meeting has been in session for several days at the Shiloh Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Moss, of Gainesville, Tex., has been assisting Rev. Shivers in a revival. Born, to Prof. A. H. Colwell and wife, high noon on Wednesday, April 25th, girl. The Bryan "400" went out for a fish-fry on the morning of the 28th. They report a fine time and the usual "fisherman's luck."

WATCHES FOR OUR FRIENDS.

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A Shaft Of Marble Will Be Reared—Praise For a

"School Marm"—Dishonest Readers—The "Chinese Must (Not) Go"—Fainted At The Fire—The Y M. C. A.

Helena, Ark., Special.

James Green of Trenton, during a quarrel with a white neighbor, was killed. Esq. J. H. Harvey has launched into the ministry. Miss Lizzie Epps has returned from Kentucky. A telegram summond Miss L. D. Lamkins of Greenville to the bedside of her sick father; he is improving at present. Miss Anna C. Watson is having poor health. Willie Reed, whose stepmother was the sister of Mrs. Ankerum was brought to the city and carried to Miss Josie Samuels' where he died. Rev. J. T. Whites' monument has been contracted for, from Morris & Co. Memphis; it is 12 ft. high and costs $250 00 will be unveiled on the National Decoration day, May, 30th. The uniformed ranks of K. of P., will give a grand entertainment at the Armory hall on Decoration day, May, 30th. Miss Emma E. Burns and The Freeman, on an invitation, were present at the closing of Cabe Begley's district school which, with his assistant, was done in a very able manner; we must say without reflecting upon Mr. Begley, that Miss Glennie deserves much credit for the conducting of that school. We have some readers who believe in paying for their paper, while others will take a few and "jump you" leaving you "in the hole." This is far from manly, it is pure dishonesty. Pappy George (Washington) lost his large dwelling by fire, his daughter-in-law who was sick in the adjacent lot, came near fainting twice, her girl friends revived her, while the men were doing all they could with wet blankets to save her house. Y. M. L. S. is progressing, the subject discussed "resolved the Chinese must leave America" the negative won. Hon. Robt. Woods of Poplar Grove, was in the city. Rev. S. D. Gibson's baby met with a painful accident; one of the older children had it in the carriage and walked backward off the porch, buggy and all. The Y. M. C. A. meets every Sunday morning in the Helena Normal college at 8:30 o'clock to hold devotional exercises. Prof. L. A. Greer of Poplar Grove closed his school last Friday. J. H. Stringer of Southland delivered an address to the young men's union. The second story of the new Peabody school is being fitted up by the K. of P. for a lodge hall.

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The Cornerstone Laid.

Austin, Tex., Special.

Mrs. Ticie Love died of the dropsy Sunday morning. The funeral took place at Wesley Chapel M. E. church, Sunday at 4 p. m. She was a member of the Austin Benevolent Association and Golden Sceptre Temple No. 60, S. M. T., which took charge of her remains. The laying of the corner stone of the great new building at Tillotson Institute took place Thursday, April 26th, accompanied by a fine programme. Mrs. Julia Lewis and her daughters, Misses Pauline and Clara Anna, gave a social party in honor of Miss Carrie K. Johnson, of Ohio, who has been teaching here in the city this year, Monday night, April 23rd. Many of the "400" were there. Mrs. Betsy Furgeson died at her son-in-law's home, Mr. Russell, of Burditte Prairie, Wednesday morning, April 18th, at 4 o'clock p. m., and was buried at Williamson Creek. She was 74 years old and the mother of 19 children. Miss Annie Smith is expecting to visit relatives and friends in Louisiana very soon. William Clay, of Burton, was in the city a few days last week. Sam Burton, who has been attending the Tillotson, went to his home at Liberty Hill, Tex., on account of illness. Elias Higgs is confined to the house. Mrs. Eliza Woods, Mrs. Nannie Blair and M. Gilmon are still on the sick list. Revs. J. M. Rayford and I. Massey are having a success with their protracted meeting at the Second Baptist church. Prof. H. Harbert, editor of the Illuminator, has moved his press and family to Austin. The members of Simpson Missionary church gave their pastor, S. M. Smith, a surprise party last week.

Orange Blossoms.

Franklin, Tenn., Special.

Philip McMairy and Miss Anna C. Johnson were united in marriage at the African Methodist Episcopal church at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 25th, Rev. Robt. E. King officiating. The church was most beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens; a beautiful bell under which the bride stood formed the central decoration. The auditorium of the church was filled with friends of the contracting parties. The wedding march was played by Miss Nannie C. Williams. The bridal party was preceded by waiters, Misses Scruggs and Dubison Messrs. Flemming and Dubison on the right isle. Misses Young and Carothers, Messrs. Woldridge and Polk on left isle. Miss Carrie E. Williams escorted Miss Annie C. Johnson and William B. Abernathy escorted Philip McNairy. During the ceremony "Nearer My God To Thee" was softly played. The lovely little bride was attired in white silk and carried in her hand a beautiful boquet of flowers. Presents were numerous, handsome and useful. The waiters (ladies) were dressed in white swiss, while the young men wore claw hammer coats. Miss Annie, as she is familiarly called, while the people of Franklin are loth to give her up, carries with her their sincere esteem and best wishes.

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Excursions Run by White Men.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

The mammoth Roland Rink has been secured for the competitive drill between the female corps of Paducah and Henderson. The date is Monday night May the 28th inst. Two excursions were run on the 20th to Cairo, Ill. and Eddyville, Ky., they were gotten up by white men, with names of colored men on the bills, only to catch our people, strange to say but they bite freely at this kind of bait before they would patronize one run strictly by colored people. The steamer, Time, burned to the water's edge on the 30th inst. she was owned by the John Barrett Coal and Towboat Company of Cincinnati; her value was $20,000 with an insurance of one half of that amount. The condition of Wm. Taylor and Father Vinegar on Ninth St. remain unchanged, both being very ill. Dr. Isbell will move into his new office adjoining Odd Fellow's hall this week. Paducah Lodge No. 1545, G. U. O. O. F. will celebrate their anniversary on June, 23d. A large number of lodges have been invited to take part in the parade. They offer $15 00 in gold to the lodge having the largest number of members in the procession. George Reed and Tom Carson stole a cow last week, brought her to town and sold her for four dollars; they were arrested, and confessed to having stole five more within the last two months. The lecture at the Opera house on the 27th by Rev. J. D. Carpenter of the First Baptist church drew an immense audience of colored people, but not so many white; his subject was "The colored people and the South," it was one of the best arguments ever made in Paducah in our behalf. The Chicago Quartette sang from the stage, and Rev. G. W. Dupee and his church members sang from the balcony. J. E. Owen, a white man who participated on the colored excursion, to Eddyville last week, jumped overboard and was drowned while the boat was returning home. Charley House, who was arrested last week, charged with arson, is now out on bond. The Freeman is conceeded by all parties to be the best race paper published. Call on Minor Bradshaw, 419 Jackson St. and get it at 5 cents per copy.

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A Second Mortgage Discovered.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

With the coming of Spring the hard time cry grows fainter and fainter, soon it will not be heard, for its echo will be drowned in the merry cry of the boat excursionist, as they steam on the great Mississippi to the beautiful summer resorts, which so numerously dot its banks. The Metropolitan church people were considerably aroused about a second mortgage debt of $3,800, which became due a short while ago. The note went to protest and was finally sold to its original holders for $2,600. The young people of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Z. will give a literary a musical concert on the 10th of May at the church. Richard Graves has assumed the superintendency of the Homes Sunday school with J. T. Hamilton as assistant and Misses Bell Carter and Prestina Story as teachers. Miss Minnie Mitchell and her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Clark, of South Seventh St. will visit in Louisville, and Nevada, Mo. during the coming summer months. Twenty-three scholars will graduate from Sumner school in June, seventeen from the high school and six from the Normal. The Freeman is on sale at 1318 Market St. J. Peyton's barber shop, and at 903 W. Eleventh street, W. N. Avery's shaving parlor.

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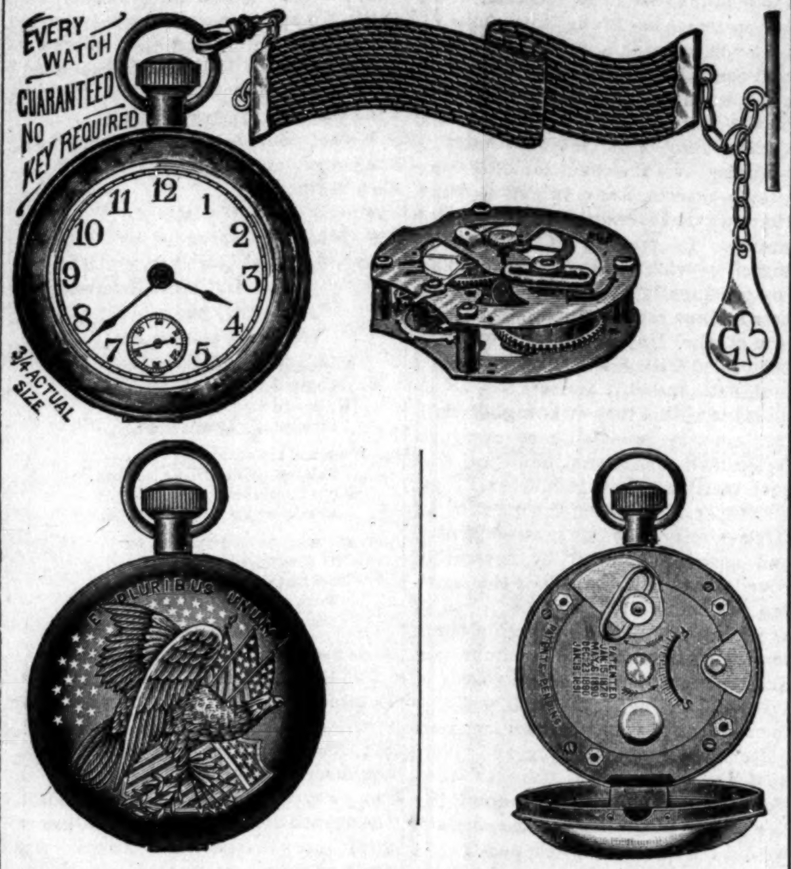

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Rev. Mr. Fipps, Chicago, is preparing to do mission work in Africa.

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The Washington, D. C., Y. M. C. A. was recently addressed by the Hon. Frederick Douglass.

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Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C. under President Dr. D. J. Sanders is flourishing like a green bay tree.

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Ex-Governor Pinchback will write an article on "Reconstruction" for the July number of the A. M. E. Zion Quarterly.

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Rev. Geo. W. Clinton editor of the Star of Zion will deliver ten lectures on different themes before the Tuskegee Normal school.

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Presiding Elder A. B. Suyer, Zion A. M. E located in Alabama is spoken of as a gentleman of varied parts and a brilliant preacher.

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The late Bishop, John M. Brown, has a son in the person of Rev. G. A. Brown, who is pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The General Conference of the Colored M. E. church is now in session in Memphis, Tenn., and will be in session perhaps the whole month. Two or three Bishops will be chosen.

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Dr. Wm. Howard Day, general secretary of the A. M. E. Zion connection is as fresh and bouyant physically as a school boy. Dr. Day is one of the most eloquent men the race has produced.

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Rev. J. P. Thompson pastor of Jones' Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind., is doing a good work in the Hoosier capital for the old ship of Zion, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all citizens irrespective of creed or church.

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Dr. L. M. Hagood, pastor of Simpson Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind., has made a most favorable impression upon his parishioners and starts out with the new conference year with daily growing assurances of a most successful one, spiritually especially.

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Rev. W. H. Shepherd, a Fiskite and return missionary from Africa, lectured at Fisk University and Roger Williams of Nashville, recently. He wedded Miss Lucy J. Grant, late of the Jubilee Singers and started on his return trip to Africa about the 1st of May.

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Bethal A. M. E. church, of Indianapolis, Ind, Rev. T. W. Henderson, pastor, and the Second Baptist, Rev. J. W. Carr, pastor, will both undergo architectural change and ornamentation, and when finished will be among the handsomest church edifices in the country.

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Rev. R. A. Jackson set sail for Africa, via South Hampton, England, on the 17th. It will be remembered that he was before the Foreign Mission convention last fall offering his services for that field; whether or not he was conditionally appointed we are unable to say; but he is soon to reach Africa and will be at the mercy of Arkansas and America.—Baptist Vanguard.

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Levi Christy, Esq., editor of the Indianapolis World, and a recent licensed preacher in the A. M. E. connection, preached his initial sermon last Sabbath evening at Allen Chapel, this city. It is spoken of as an able effort. The members of the choir, of which he was leader, decorated the pulpit and choir stand with many beautiful flowers out of honor to the occasion.

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Speaking of Dr. Price's successor editor Dancy of the Quarterly says:

"The reccommendation by the Board of Trustees, of the election of Dr. W. Goler to the presidency of Livingstone College, to succeed Dr. Price, is a most fitting recognition of the services of this gentleman, who has done so much in a quiet modest way to make the college what it is. It is indeed a deserved promotion. The college is safe. Dr. Price no doubt looks down upon the work of the Board from the Celestial city satisfied with such action.

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Dr. W. H. Goler, Dean of Livingston College, and recommended as the successor of the late Dr. Price, to the Presidency of the same, is a man of strong intellectual powers, an able and eloquent preacher, a ripe scholar and a classmate of Dr. Price at Lincoln University, both in the College and Theological departments. He was very close to Dr. Price in his life time, knew all his plans and was the chief spirit in their execution. He is whole-souled, genial, kind hearted and an earnest worker. He erected nearly all the college buildings, at a great saving. He is about 44 years of age, and never wearies in well doing.

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Mrs. James M. Lawrence, of 4856 Dearborn street, gave a reception in honor of Mr. C. Beecher Allen and S. W. Parr, both recent groduates of the McCormick Theological Seminary of this city. Both of the young ministers are less than twenty-five years old, and are bright, intelligent and hopeful. They are of Presbyterian denomination and have been assigned to churches. Mr. Parr will go to Louisville and Mr. Allen has been given work in St. Louis. The reception was a splended success, about thirty young people were present, mostly members of the Presbyterian church.—The Conservator.

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From a letter received at this office from Missionay A. L. Ridgel dated "Freetown Sierra Leone, W. C. A., March, 16th we glean the following information:

"Mr. Derrick with his soul-less conspirators have demanded my return to America without sending me a cent to pay expenses; you can imagine my anxiety, seven thousand miles from home, moneyless, with an order to come home." * * * *

"My wife succeeded in securing us a passage to America, we will therefore reach America about the same time you get this letter."

Since the above reached us we have received information from another source, that Missionary Ridgel did not leave Africa as intended on the 22d of March, but would take passage on a later steamer.

Betrayed by a "Nigger."

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Three colored men were broght here three weeks ago from Leighton, a village some ten miles away. They were charged with burning a barn and horses about a year ago, but no evidence could be given until recently, a Negro named Bob Payne, from Memphis or north Mississippi, came to Leighton and betrayed his colored brothers for $120 00. Bob Payne proposed to burn the village and called in several colored men to hear his proposal; meanwhile he had hid several white men near by where they could hear his proposition. He spoke bitterly in order to have the parties explain how they did the burning a year ago. The next day several colored men were arrested and brought here to jail and were given a preliminary trial. Some of them were let lose, but three were returned, where they remained about two weeks. Last Saturday night about midnight fifty or sixty masqued men went to the jail and, as usual, overpowered the jailer and got the keys. They took the men about a half mile and hung them on a bridge. Of course, nothing has or can be done. Had Bob Payne been swung up with them, it certainly would have given the people much ease here. Rev. T. W. Coffee, presiding elder of Birmingham district, was here this week and lectured on Africa. He was very eloquent. He does not favor immigration, at least for the present. His speeches will do a great deal of good.

Concert Not a Success.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

Miss Ollie Brown has recovered. Presiding Elder Alexander held Quarterly meeting services at the A. M. E. church. Three were baptized. Rev. John J. Green preached at Second Baptist Sunday morning and evening. Sam Bradshaw returned from New Orleans. We are pained to learn of the death of our excellent friend Joseph Bush's father. The Ascension day services of the Knight Templars will be conducted on Thursday evening by Rev. Wm. Brown, of St. Joe, Mich. Services and exercises will be held in the evening in their new hall, 328 Calhoun street. The Matchless Chapel No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, will give their May Pole on the 22nd day of May at 328 Calhoun street. Robert Whitfield is lying seriously ill. His sister arrived from Toledo and is now at his bedside. Joseph Roberts was ill during last week. Miss Annie Scott, of Muncie, Ind., is home on a visit. Rev. Ben Smith, of Richmond, Ind., left for home on last Monday. The concert and festival given by the young men of the A. M. E. church was not a success.

A Syndicate Purchase Property.

Marion, Ind., Special.

The Patriarchy, 75, drill at the A. M. E. church, Tuesday, evening last, under command of Captain Moses Anderson, was good and well attended. The Missionary lodge, 2104 will initiate two candidates to night 4:30. William Ferguson of Wabash, Ind. and L. Jordan of Lafountain, Ind., came over to attend Odd Fellows' Lodge to night. Mrs. Pandexter of New Castle, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. Frank Gill last Sunday. Mrs. Sisie Morgan is able to be out again. There was a syndicate of colored men organized at Weaver, Ind., and they purchased a small farm on Saturday last at the Frank Weaver heirs' sale. Nathan Flemming has bought a livery and feed stable and is doing good business, on Northeast corner of Public Square. Let every person talk up The Freeman and make it their choice.

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

Instructive and Interesting Items of News

Gleaned from Philosophers' Puns and Press Comments Pertaining to Women.

[UNCERTAIN STANDARDS.]

How shall we judge of the present, we who
have never seen
That which is past forever, and that which
might have been?
Measuring by ourselves, unwise indeed are
we!
Measuring what we know by what we can
hardly see.

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SWEETHEART OF THE LONG AGO.

Sweetheart of the long ago,
Little girl I used to know,
How I long again to be
Charmed with thy simplicity.

You and I have older grown,
Dreams have vanished, hopes have flown;
Time and customs, grown apace,
Place us with the commonplace.

And the dreams that I dreamed then
Have been dreamed by other men;
We but shared the common lot,
Dreamed our dreams and then—forgot.

Every heart has some romance
That gave way to circumstance;
Ev'ry soul has known the pain
Of a vision seen in vain.

Yet again I long to be
Charmed with thy simplicity,
Little girl I used to know,
Sweetheart of the long ago.

—W. R. HEREFORD.

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Mrs. A. E. Johnson, the brilliant wife of Rev. Harvey Johnson, of Baltimore, has written another book, entitled "The Hazely Family."

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Two of the young colored ladies who were dismissed from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, were, on an appeal to the president, reinstated to their former positions.

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Very wide sashes of satin ribbon will be worn with the dresses in muslin and grenadine now being made up for the summer. They are usually fastened on the right side in a careless bow.

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Miss Ida B. Wells, formerly associate editor of the Conservator, Chicago, is now in England, lecturing on that peculiar institution of the South (lynching), and is said to be doing the race good service. The leading newspapers of England comment very favorably upon her work.

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Canton (O.,) W. C. T. U. owns a building in which is carried on an industrial school, with eighteen classes for girls and one for boys, and an average attendance of 125. They expect to add to this work a woman's exchange, a cooking school and an employment bureau.

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Alice Ayres was a domestic servant in London—the only support of her aged mother. In trying to rescue her employer's children when the house burned down, she lost her life. The newspapers lauded her as a heroine and a big monument was placed over her grave Her mother has just been sent to the poor house.

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The latest fad among the fair sex is to wear a rabbit's foot. I have seen several young ladies who were equipped with this sort of an amulet. It is set in gold and used as a clasp pin for holding a wrap. The orthodox rabbit's foot has to be from an animal killed in a graveyard in the dark of the moon, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock, when the ghosts walk. If the fad spreads, the graveyard rabbit will have a hard time of it.

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The back and arms of easy chairs that are worn and soiled look much better if covers of quiet colored linen in ecru, gray or pale brown, something in pale sage color or denim in blue, with a straggling conventional pattern worked on them, are used than with the old-fashioned tidies and squares of white linen or lace. The latter only make the coverings look more soiled and faded by contrast.

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Rosa Bonheur, the celebrated painter of animals, has been nominated an officer of the Legion of Honor, and is the first of her sex who has attained that dignity. She was made a chevalier in June, 1865, on exceptional grounds and owing to the strong recommendation of the Empress Eugenie. The distinguished lady artist, who has residences in Paris and Nice, spends a considerable portion of the year in her villa at By, on the borders of the Forest of Fontainebleau, where she is known among the peasants as "La Bonne Dame," and Mdlle. Rosa, and is highly esteemed by the simple people, owing to her inexhaustible charity.

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Among the insurance people there is constant controversy as to the advisability of taking risks on women's lives. Very conservative companies refuse them in toto, while others issue such policies under certain reservations and restrictions. For example, no company will insure a wife's life in favor of her husband, while nine-tenths of the policies issued to men are for the benefit of their wives. When cross questioned on this point, an officer of a great life insurance concern evaded an answer, but finally confessed that they feared man's abusing their opportunities. I simply state facts and leave individuals to draw conclusions. DISCRIMINATOR

Delegates to the Baptist Convention.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to inform you of our present condition in South Carolina. It is really startling, and no man can tell which of the two political factions is the Democratic party, and it is amusing to hear them speak of Governor Tillman as the Sampson. It is Tillman that has taught South Carolina how to get rid of a bad law that is to enforce it by appointed spies to kill white men as well as Negroes, who would violate the dispensary law. Now the Supreme Court of South Carolina has decided the Dispensary law unconstitutional, with $50,000 worth of the octopus on hand. Everything is quiet just now. Barroom are as yet in the dark ground; no one seems to be prophet enough to tell what the future has in store. Prof. P. G. Hammett, the principal of Grant Academy, is preparing for a grand exhibition soon. Prof. Alexander, of Welford, is doing his part at the city graded school of Spartanburg. Delegates to the Baptist State convention left on the 1st of May for the city of Newberry. Perry C. Little the celebrated Black Prince, at the Advance office, is growing larger daily. The Advance is quite a newsy colored journal furnishes their own printer and outfit for the race. One Rev. N. H. Bayns was in city as an Evangelist. Pastors refused his service. We know not why he left for a better country, we hope a heavenly. Gruff Porter, the man that was struck by Henry Gaither Dec. 23d, is dead, and Gaither is in jail. Talking about going to Africa, when we can hardly live in this country together, is foolishness. The Silver Hill M. E. church is nearly completed. Farmers are looking glad over the prospects of another good year. The Teachers' examination for the colored teachers was largely attended. It is said by the teachers that it was the most rigid that they have had in many years. The Freeman is the grandest paper of all; long live The Freeman.

Don't Like To Be Called Negro.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks. I think as our race is progressing in education and wealth to be recognized as a race, we should condemn those degrading names given us by the "whites" of America. The word "Negro" should be condemned in every pulpit and by every colored speaker. If we do not respect ourselves, we need not expect to be respected by anyone else. We notice every other race appreciating the name given them by the Lord. It is a grand insult to practicly give them any other name. The Freeman is a great paper and it ought to be in every home of the colored people of America. I read it every week; it is the noblest colored papers on the globe.

JULIA EDWARDS
Parsons, Kan.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

BY AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. SQUARE).

If, in the hour of woe, when sorrow reigns,
When fluttering hope is dim, ambition fled,
And few in score earth's benisons; when pains
And all the ills of life have leechlike bled
Our hearts, had we then the power or art
To rend the veil which screens the future year,
What balm would it reveal, or joy impart,
To dying hope, to living doubt and fear?

Would we behold a brighter, smoother track,
Utopian paths with flowers o'er spread?
Or would the future view cause us shrink back
And close our eyes in mortal fear and dread
Of what we saw? All darker than the dark
Present hour or passing day; no cheer
To nurse our dying hope; no kindly spark
To mark our footsteps in the coming year.

Our future pathway none can tell,
How true: "He doeth all things well."

A WHITE MAN'S VOICE

From England—American Negro Urged Against the Migration Ideas.

TO THE EDITOR FREEMAN:

The long association with our beloved minister the Rev. Peter Stanford (Birminham's colored preacher) and the blessings we have received under his pastorate has brought us more directly in contact, and caused even a still closer bond of sympathy with his race; we love him as a servant of Jesus Christ and admire his consistent and earnest devotion in seeking to raise to a higher level the condition of his own people, therefore any injustice which they sustain leaves its imprint on our hearts. In reading of the terrible atrocities which have been and are being continually perpetrated on members of your race in the Southern portion of the United States; we have been filled with feelings of horror and indignation, and it appears too, as almost incredible that in a highly civilized country possessing so many religious and educational facilities, that such terrible crime should exist, yet we deeply deplore that the question of African migration has been suggested and even entertained by several of your leaders as a remedy for the existing evil and while it may be regarded as presumption on our part to attempt to give advice upon such an important question considering that you have so many highly educated and well informed men of your own race, who are quite capable of realizing and giving advice upon the most complex questions, yet we should not be doing justice to you or our own consciences if we did not raise our voice and give a timely warning against a scheme so highly prejudical to your interests.

The progress of your race since the chaotic condition in which the Civil war left you has been truely remarkable regardless of the difficulties by which you have been surrounded, and history fails to record anything of a like nature. You are American citizens and natives of the soil. Your fathers' unrequitted toil has helped materially to raise the pillars of the vast Republic. The United States is large enough for you, and millions more; Liberia offers no more inducements to you and is no more suitable for your requirements than it is for the Anglo-Saxon, and physically speaking is not by any means one of the best portions of that great continent.

We have faith in the intelligence and integrity of your leaders and fervantly pray that Almighty God will not permit fanatical hatred to drive you from your native land.

We regard Bishop Turner as a man of profound learning and true Christian piety and we truly believe that in suggestng to his race the desirability of leaving their country to seek a new home across the sea he was actuated by the best and purest motives and sincere desire to better their condition and relieve their suffering. Some of the best and brightest intellects in the world have made mistakes; the worthy Bishop is, therefore, no exception, and their is still time to rectify the error, and with all brotherly love and christian sympathy with Bishop Turner and the race he so nobly represents, we beg of him in the name of God and His Son, Jesus Christ to call back the erroneous advice he has given and thus prevent the most serious consequences and disaster to his people. The great power and influence Brother Turner can exert upon the masses, we feel sure will be exercised under divine guidance, and we earnestly hope that he and other great leaders of the race will cast about in a prayerful spirit for a more perfect and practical method of solving the difficulty. In the meantime we implore our colored brethren to "Hold the Fort." Stand to your guns! Jesus is still signaling to you, but your eyes are dim and clouded with care and you cannot see the signal he is giving, or hear his voice. In your despondency your faith is apt to falter, and the enemy is anxiously watching with false light to lure you to destruction but is powerless to hurt you if you call upon God to aid you. "God moves in a mysterious way" and there are dark hours sometimes even for the most robust christian. There are times when we feel that the light of our Heavenly Father's countenance has been entirely withdrawn and all is dark, but the very moment we set in motion that great and powerful lever, prayer, day breaks suddenly upon our tear dimmed eyes and we bask in the refulgence of His love. Take courage brethren the day will soon dawn—

"So long His power has blest you, sure it still
Will lead you on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone."

William Wilberforce while fighting the battles for your race made it a custom to retire to his closet at the close of each days' Parliamentary business, to spend a season in prayer to God, asking a blessing upon his labors. God did bless him and will bless you. We commend his example to you and with you will unite in praying that our Heavenly Father will sustain you and bring you out of your tribulation more than conquerors through Him that loved and gave Himself for you.

In conclusion we thank The Freeman in anticipation for giving us this opportunity of conveying to our colored brethren across the Atlantic, our sympathy and regard, and we desire to express our thanks and high appreciation as lovers of liberty for the good work which the Editor is doing for the cause of suffering humanity.

We are yours faithfully on behalf of the church and congregation in christian brotherhood.

Moved by W. Wallace, D. D., Baptist Minister; seconded by Geo. B. Lloyd, financial secretary, church;

A. D. EKINS, Secretary.

WAIT.

BY LYDIA M. MILLARD.

Wait and the crown may come
To the long weary head,
Wait, and the waste may bloom,
Like beauty's garden bed,

Wait, and the cloud may break,
The sunlight beaming through,
Joy's fairest roses wake
Breathing their balm for you.

Close to the dark we stand
To longing's golden gate,
Hold fast the Father's hand
Tired heart, toil on and wait.

A Democratic Negro.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Special.

Rio Grande lodge 3537 G. U. O. of O. F. meets every Thursday night at 8:30 p. m. on Main street; J. A. Lewis, N. G.; Louis Whitehead, P. S. Mr. Boon has the only first class baker shop in the city. Prof. J. H. Dodson has opened a night school; he has a good many attending. There was quite a crowd assembled at the Rio Grande river at the baptizing last Sunday. The Reed club of Eagle Pass was very much surprised to know that the late Capt. R. G. Ellis of the San Antonio Rifles is a Democrat Negre, will succeed Louis Whitehead, a Republican of Eagle Pass. Mr. Whitehead has been in the assayer department for the last four years but now will give away to his successor. Mrs. W. L. Lyman has returned from San Antonio, to her old home Dolch Hotel with a pleasant smile. Rev. B. Berry will leave for Brackett soon. J. A. Lewis wishes success to the Tillotson boys. Rev. Lench has returned from Del Rio. Mrs. Epps and Miss Bailey of San Antonio were the visitors of Mrs. Butler, left Monday for home. A festival was given for the benefit of the G. U. O. of O. F. to purchase a $150 00 regalia. Noah Summer the leading Mechanic of Eagle Pass has just completed a new building, Dolch Hotel.

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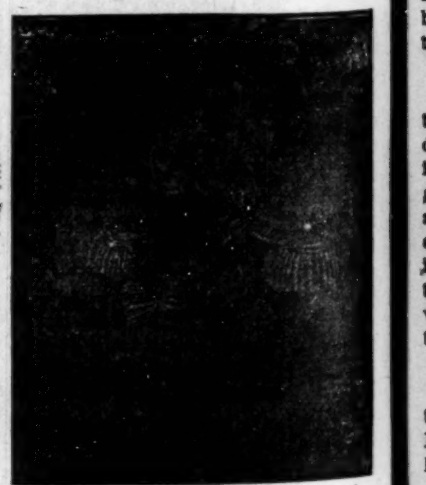

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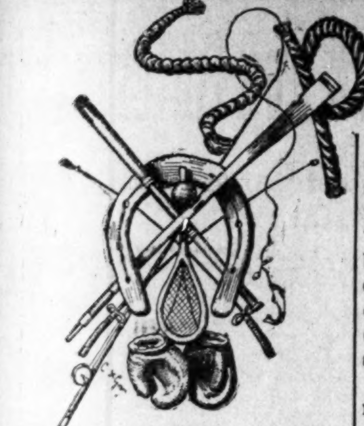

"Lonny" Clayton the lightweight jockey, has been engaged to ride Henry of Navarre in the Brooklyn Handicap, at 100 pounds.

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The Dickerson college base ball team has two Indian pitchers, and the Harrisburg base ball club also possesses an Indian twirler named Mackay.

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Phitsburg Phil recently stated to a friend that his losses last season amounted to about $190,000. His winnings are believed to be $240,000.

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C. W. Williams, the world famous breeder and trainer of trotters, will build a new track at Galesburg, Ill., and endeavor to retrieve his fallen fortunes.

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Harriet, 2:09¾, has been bought for $10,000 by a New York broker, and, it is said, will never race again. She is one of Nancy Hanks' most promising rivals.

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Millionaire John W. Mackay recently gave a dinner to James J. Corbett. The champion pugilist was formerly a clerk in Mackay's San Francisco bank.

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The Fall City Base Ball Club, of Louisville, Ky, has re-organized, it will represent Louisville in the State league. Alonzo McAfee, manager and advance agent.

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Buckrene, the colt that won the Arkansas derby, is a son of the very fast blind mare Irene, who made a sensation on the western and Saratoga tracks three years ago.

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Joe Walcott has become very jubilant since he whipped Tom Tracey, of Australia. Walcott does not underrate Tracy, but wants it known that he is the antipodean's master. "I am ready to box any 133-pound man in America or England," said Walcott.

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Wiley Evan says he would accept the challenge of Danny Needham at 145 pounds, give or take three pounds. If Needham would like to communicate with Evans he may address him, care of The Enquirer. Evans also said he would be willing to go South of the Mason and Dixon line to fight him.

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The greatest cycling event of the year in Europe will be the Grand Prix, to be decided in Paris in August. Its value to the winner will be 100,000 francs. The money is given by the municipal authorities of Paris, and the distance is five miles. Zimmerman, Wheeler and other Americans will enter the contest.

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George Dixon says that he hoped he would be able to get on a fight with either Billy Plimmer or Walter Edgerton' the Kentucky Rosebud. Dixon is positive he can whip either of them. He says that Plimmer's victory over him does not demonstrate the Englishman's superiority, nor does the "Rosebud's" blow in the jaw indicate that the latter can do it again.

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Buffalo park has opened the Sensation course, $5,000 for 2:09 pacers, to be decided at the grand circuit meeting in August. A great many fast and game horses are eligible for this class, and enough should enter to make an exciting race. The prize is tempting in times of financial stringency, and the winners of the money divisions will have the satisfaction of knowing that they will be promptly paid.

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It is almost a moral certainty now that Peter Jackson and his manager, Parson Davies, will go to Europe to look up Corbett. His intention is to close his present theatrical tour, which by the way, was booked up to June, in a few weeks, and sail for England. Dr. J. W. Gibbs, Jackson's physician, says he would go Europe with Jackson, and be at the ringside with him in the event of Peter meeting Corbett in England. The doctor is also sure that Jackson will go abroad, for in another letter received recently Jackson emphatically states that he has made up his mind to go. While in England the dusky pugilist will probably appear in a rival theatre in London in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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Corbett's English welcome at Drury Lane Theatre was cordial, if not enthusiastic. A large audience greeted him in his play of "Gentleman Jack." which is not of a type familiar to the English stage, and many of his points were lost on the audience. But they appreciated its boxing features hugely and cheered the champion without prejudice. The name "Charlie Twitchell," which is borne by the villain of the piece in the American presentation, was wisely abandoned in order to avoid giving offense to Mitchell's friends, so the expected demonstration of hostility did not take place.

Corbett's appearance here by no means awakens the furor which his admirers hoped for. Sporting people are rather disappointed to find him so much the gentleman, instead of the typical slugger like Sullivan, and it will take some time for the more refined admirers of the manly sport to discover his good qualities.

SPECTATOR.

Thrown Out of the Church by Women.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

Prof. P. S. Wilkerson, Jr., D. D., who had his leg badly broken, is now resting very well. The Brazoria people and some few others took a fine dinner, prepared by the Misses Mills. The Professor is single, but has a large house with many rooms, worth about $800.00 and a farm worth about $1,200. He was the teacher of two schools and the pastor of two churches. Rev. Ed. W. Coleman, a young local A. M. E. preacher, will likely get an appointment at the next annual West Texas conference, which will be held here by Bishop B. F. Lee. The A. M. E. church had an entertainment last Saturday night, managed by Mrs. L. J. Hughs. Politics are getting hot. Some of the prominent leaders think the case for the old county officers are most doubtful in regard to re-election, although some say "R. P. Sweny is all right for re-election as tax collector." Hon. N. H. Haller, Ex-Representative, J. C. F. Davis and others are getting ready for the political fight. P. McBeth and Miss McBeth of Oyster Creek, were in town last Saturday. Mr. McBeth is well to do, proprietor of a store worth $500, gin house worth $400, stock worth $800, farm and residence worth $1500 and also said to be worth about $15,000 in cash. The B. U. P. M. did not meet last meeting day. The future success of the race depends upon the present up growing youth of to day; and christain school teachers who do not care to help make these societies a success is N. G. Mrs. S. J. Haller has been ill, but is up again. It was thought that the church trouble out at St. Paul church, in the country was settled, but not so. A brief history of the same. Rev. D. Young was pastor and the people had disgraceful charges against him, the minority anyway; the elder then was put under dicipline. The majority calling Rev. T. T. Benson, D. D. to represent them. The matter getting too bad for the doctor he resigned. A very prominent white Baptist preacher was called upon to act as moderator for both factions, by the Rev. C. McNell he told them what was best for them; then afterwards Rev. M. S. Mines of this town was called by the majority to act pastor pro-tem. Rev. Mines had all the work done under the auspices of Rev. McNell done away with, this caused great trouble, and Mines losing his influence. The people or the intelligent part, on the fourth Sunday ordering him out of the pulpit; failing to respond, four women took him physically and threw him out of doors, ripping his Prince Albert badly. This was done by the Ward crowd, who want a "clean preacher." The young crowd doesn't care.

Will Cling to The Freeman.

East Point, Red River, La., Special.

Mr. Editor, please allow me a small space in your columns. I am not a subscriber of your paper, The Freeman, but my cousin is and I read it every week, and at my saddest hour I am comforted by the reading of The Freeman. I am glad to see the Negro race progressing so fast. I have read many papers, but The Freeman I will cling to. I am proud to say that Mrs. Jennett Taylor, wife of E. G. Taylor, is getting up again from a three month's illness. I will say to The Freeman, may God endow his blessing upon you and help you to the front.

W. P. LEWIS.

Lieut. Alexander Commemorated.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Senator Avery of the Ohio General assembly, lectured to the students recently. The several Rhetorical divisions have selected their representatives for the annual Rhetoricals to occur in the commencement week, On Wednesday, April, 18th exercises were conducted in memory of Lieut. John H. Alexander, in the upper chapel of the University hall at 11:30 a. m. An interesting program was rendered. Prof. W. S. Scarborough, paper, "Lieut. Alexander as a student;" Prof. R. D. Scott, paper, "Lieut. Alexander as a soldier;" address, "Lieut. Alexander as a citizen," by Mr. Lynch of Xenia, O.; William Board, paper, "Lieut. Alexander as a teacher." Rev. Joshua Jones and Dr. Campbell were introduced by Pres. Mitchell and gave interesting addresses. Music was rendered by the male chorus. The Sodalian Literary Society held its public meeting Thursday evening last. Prof. Scarborough lectured to the society and friends on the subject, "The scholar and his mission." The Philomathean, Dodds, Payne and Sodalian Literary societies are having profitable meetings. Rev. W. M. Byrd filled Dr. J. G. Mitchell's pulpit last Sunday morning and Rev. J. C. Jones at night. Rev. H. Graves led the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Moody of Little Rock, Ark., preached at Zion last Sunday night. H. P. Anderson preached at Cederville, April 22d, at 11 p. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett is sick at his home at Wilberforce.

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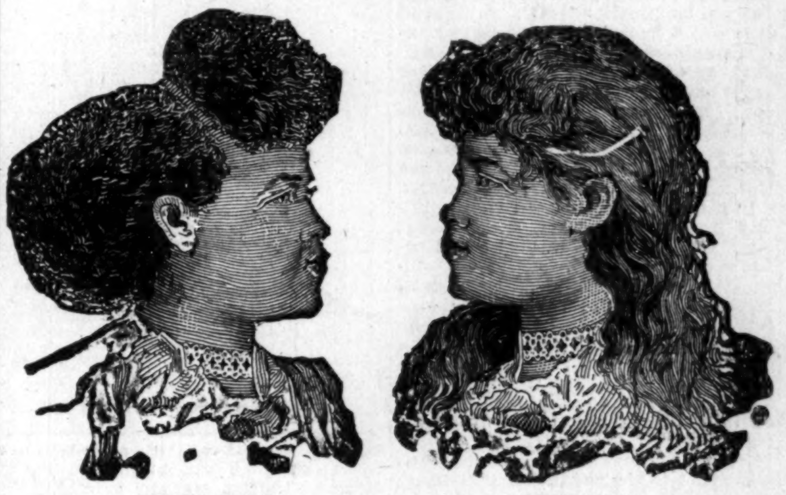

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THE STEWART CASE.

DILLON, THE HOTEL CLERK; RELEASED.

STUBB'S DECISION A FARCE

Of Common Sense, Law and Justice—What Next,

"JIM CROW" ELEVATORS AND CARS

In Indiana?—Prominent Citizens Talk—The News' Sound Talk—"Where are We At," Whither are we Drifting?—Mass Meeting Called by Committee of 50—Reflections.

Either the Negro of this city must bestir himself, keep his weather eye open or he'll wake up some morning to find himself reduced in the matter of civil privileges in the city of Indianapolis to the level of his brethren in many Southern cities, who are subjected to all sort of humiliation without recourse or relief. That such conditions exist in mayy portions of the South is not surprising, it is to the manor born, in the blood, and has always been, but the strange and startling truth about Indianapolis civil ostracism and prejudice, it is an animal of late birth and growth. Up to within the last two or three years it had been the pride and boast of every colored man who had his home in Indianapolis, that he was a resident of the freest and most advanced city in the North in the municipal recognition extended the Negro and the rights and privileges freely and cheerfully given him in a civil way. And it is also a fact that the whites of Indianapolis were proud of their colored citizens, and also pointed with satisfaction to their treatment and the municipal recognition extended them in different city departments. Indianapolis was the first city North of the imaginary line, and we think in the Union, to give her colored citizens representation in the police and fire departments and the different county offices. Such a thing as refusing a colored citizen, relative to public places and accommodations, hotels, restaurants, theatres, saloons, elevators, etc., or any civil right enjoyed by the whites, wasn't dreamed of. It is a curious fact that the first noted instance of out and out discrimination against the colored citizens of Indianapolis on the part of the whites came from a source least expected, the Y. M. C. A. Some little remonstrance was made on the part of an individual or two, but the mass of our citizens were supinely indifferent, as they were in the recent Stewart case. The unrebuked action of the Y. M. C. A. was not long in bearing fruit, soon we heard of this hotel, that theatre, and even whiskey saloons, who, all at once, became affected with "niggerphobia," and up to this time have never recovered from the dreaded disease. Procrastination is the bane of our people. This last race outrage, the Denison hotel affair, seems to have stirred us up considerable, and we hope good will come from it, but had the colored people of Indianapolis rose to the full measure of their duty in the Y. M. C. A. case spoken of, and by a united determined effort in the courts of law as they could have done, stamped the life out of this varmit that pursued Stewart, while it was yet a suckling infant, such farces of justice as has been transpiring within the last few days would have never taken place. It remains to be seen if experience has taught us wisdom, and that little by little the liberties of a people are lost. The Committee of Fifty was not organized any too soon, and we are pleased to know, that through its chairman, Dr. S. A. Elbert, a mass meeting of the citizens of Indianapolis has been called to meet with them next Friday night at the Second Baptist church. The News of Monday contained interviews with the Hon. G. L. Knox and Mr. Benjamin Thornton on the cause and probable effect of the Stewart case, which about sums up the general opinion throughout the city. Mr. Knox was seen first and among other things said:

"There is no question in my mind," said Mr. Knox, "That Stewart was put out of the elevator because he is a Negro. I once got in the elevator at that hotel and the boy told me he could not carry me because it was against the rules. I made no complaint, but walked up stairs to the committee rooms, where I was going, and told those in charge of the occurence, and they appeared to feel very bad about it. I told them that if such things were to be permitted, that the Republican headquarters had better be removed to some other hotel or place, for no Negro or friend of the colored man would come here. After I got back to my place of business, the hotel people called me up by telephone and said that they were sorry for what had happened, and they would discharge the elevator boy. I told them they must do nothing of the kind, for the boy was not to blame as he was obeying orders, and that the management of the hotel was responsible for making such rules."

"How many colored votes are there here?"

"About three thousand and the great majority of them are Republicans, but if the color line is drawn at the Republican headquarters, I do not know if they can be held. I do not mean by that that they will go to the Democrats, but they will take no part in the campaign, and on election day stay away from the polls."

Mr. Thornton was seen and took occasion to pay a very deserved compliment to the News for the spirit of justice and fair play it has always shown towards the colored people of Indianapolis, saying in conclusion:

"The News can be depended upon to see that he gets justice in all things to which he is entitled, and it did not hesitate to denounce that affair at the Denison as an outrage, in spite of the fact that there was a poor Negro on one side and a wealthy corporation on the other. I am not in politics, and will take no part in the campaign except to vote. There is nothing that could make a Democrat of me, but I am putting it mild when I say that the spirit that prompted that affair at the Hotel Denisen will cost the Republican party of this county not less than a thousand votes."

Judge Stubbs' reasons for releasing Hotel Clerk Dillon, who threw Stewart out of the elevator, as given below, were such as any one-horse police Judge tinctured with Negrophobia might have, and; we only give them space for matter of record.

"I have given the evidence in this case careful consideration and, as far as I have been able, have weighed every detail on both sides. There was some considerable conflict in the testimony, and inasmuch as no grievous injury was sustained by the complaining witness and the offense, viewed in any light, was in no way a serious one, I shall, upon the evidence, give Mr. Dillon the benefit of the doubt and discharge him. If there has been any violation of the civil rights act that fact must be determined in the courts of higher jurisdiction. This is no place for the settlement of such disputes. I believe that the principal injury in this case was to the sensitive pride of the prosecuting witness. I do not believe Mr. Dillon is a gentleman who would assault any one in a rude, insolent or angry manner, and considering the fact of there being a conflict of testimony, I feel fully justified in discharging the defendant."

Even the Journal, that for partizan reasons has treated the whole matter about as a man wearing cast iron gloves would a crystal jar for fear of breakage, proved itself too human in its issue of Tuesday to remain silent longer, saying

"The evidence in the case wherein Charles Stewart prosecuted Clerk Dillon of the Denison House, for assault and battery for ejecting him from the hotel elevator may not have been sufficiently conclusive to warrant Judge Stubbs in imposing a fine for the offense charged, but the fact remains that most sensible people will still believe that Mr. Stewart was refused the use of the elevator because of his color.

This man Stubbs is hardly worth the ink, but we do hope the colored voters of Indianapolis will remember him, and if anything the smaller anatomy Cady doing the prosecuting act in his court, and if the future affords them a chance, will fill their worthless carcasses so full of paper bullets, votes

DETECTIVE BENJ. T. THORNTON.

against them, that their names will become a by-word and a hiss in party circles. Indeed we are informed by Att'y Bagby, who deserves credit for his vigorous conduct of the case, that there was a spirit running from the Judge to the most inconsequential police attachee of the court, to hamper and prevent trial from the beginning, failing, refuse conviction, as was done. The News of Tuesday commenting upon the result of the case said.

"We do not believe that a few fine words will salve the feelings of the colored people of this community as to the case of Chas. H. Stewart, the colored man assaulted by the clerk of the Denison House. Nor do we believe they will be received in compensation for the way in which the Police Judge dealt with the case. If a self respecting man goes into a hotel, and hands are laid on him, and he is put out, is it not an assault? Has he not a right to a legal remedy for that? Possibly he may have if his face is white.

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There are various ways of doing things. The colored man in this case could have been asked civilly to step out, to let the matter be explained, to come before the hotel proprietors and have it understood. And such, we venture to say, in a city worthy the name, would have been the course. But here a man is assaulted, and, according to Police Court law, with impunity. We trust, however, the law has not said the last word in the matter. We trust this case will be prosecuted. We trust, also, that the sentiment of the colored men of this town will see it out.

"The Republican party expects the Negro to vote the Republican ticket. It expects that the Negro who does not vote the Republican ticket shall be ostracised by his own people, and be in danger of mob action if he attempts to assert his political freedom—as happened in this town no long time ago, to the shame of the colored people. But yet a privilege is denied to colored men because of their color, even upon an extraordinary occasion, the convention of the Republican party, in a hotel that is headquarters for the party! The colored man must be thrown out, and the law declared no case against the man who did it. If the colored man expects to be respected, he must respect himself. He must not tamely submit to indignity."

Once we enjoyed better and more civil rights than the colored citizens of any city in the Union, that a change has taken place is due, let the truth be told, mainly to our selves. For the last few years we have drifted into supineness and indifference, we have cultivated a spirit of don't care, and the devil take the hindmost, which rather becomes "Niggers" but not men. As men, as heads of families, as intelligent tax paying boastful citizens should we not be ashamed to be told by members of the other race that if we desire to be respected, we must not submit to indignity. And yet no truth is more plain, but that we do submit, do endure, like dumb driven cattle. What does it prove? Answer to yourselves the question, and then, considering all the "white man's chances" you have had in this community, hang your heads in shame.

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A Colored Man Killed.

John Diggs, of Memphis, Tenn., was run over by a Big Four train as he was walking on the tracks, three miles north of North Indianapolis, Tuesday. Both legs were cut off below the knee and his skull was fractured. He was taken to the City Hospital, where he died that night.

Personal.

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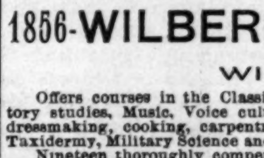

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